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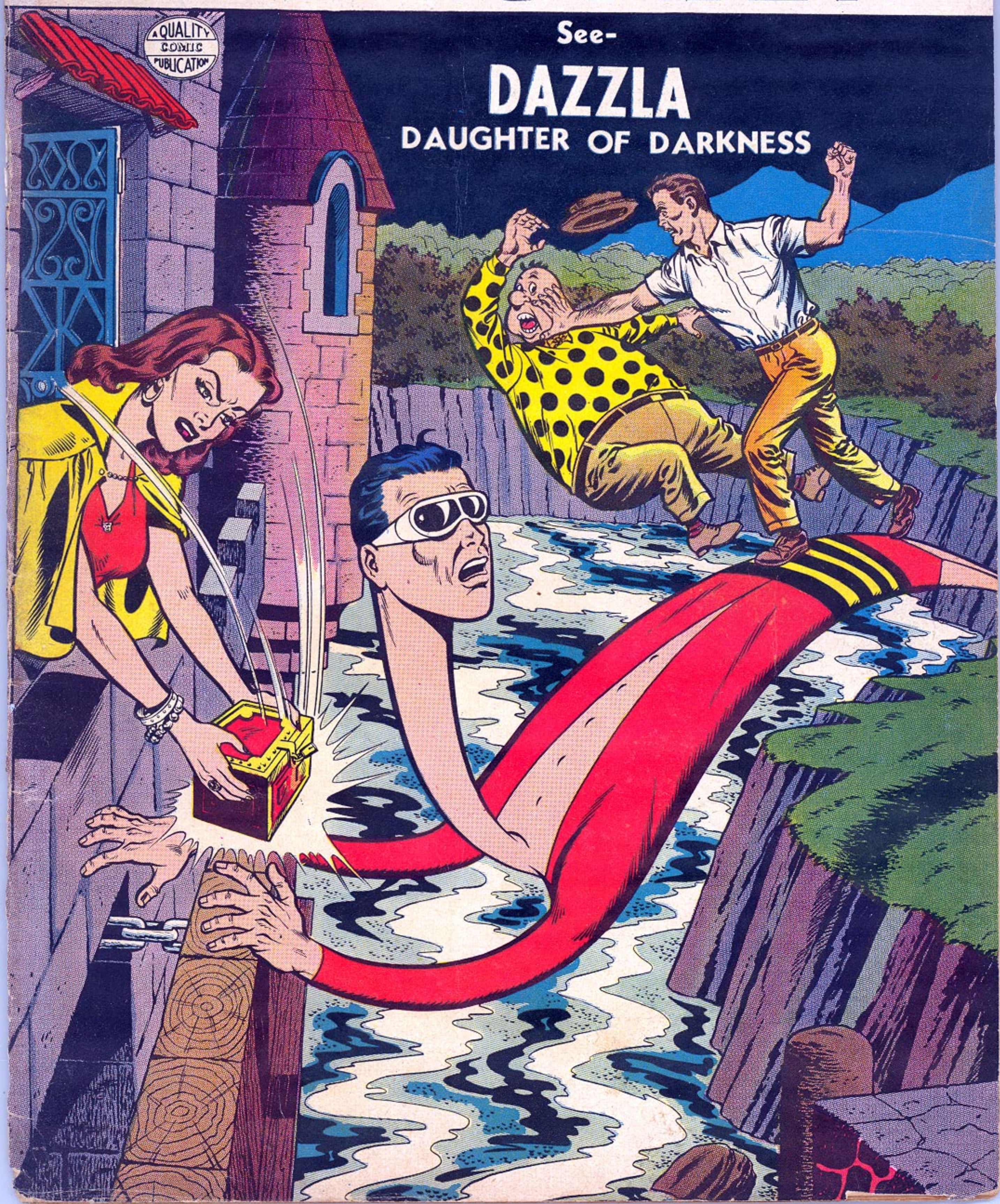
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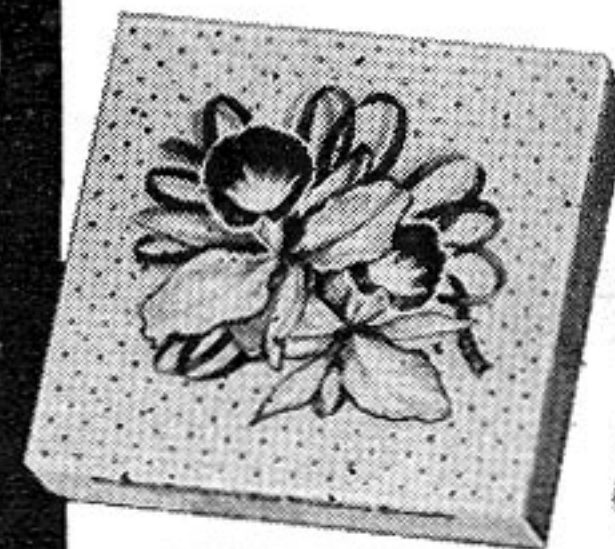
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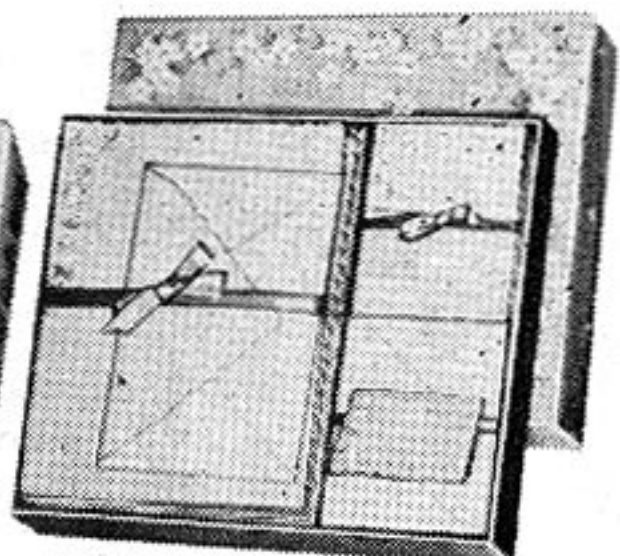
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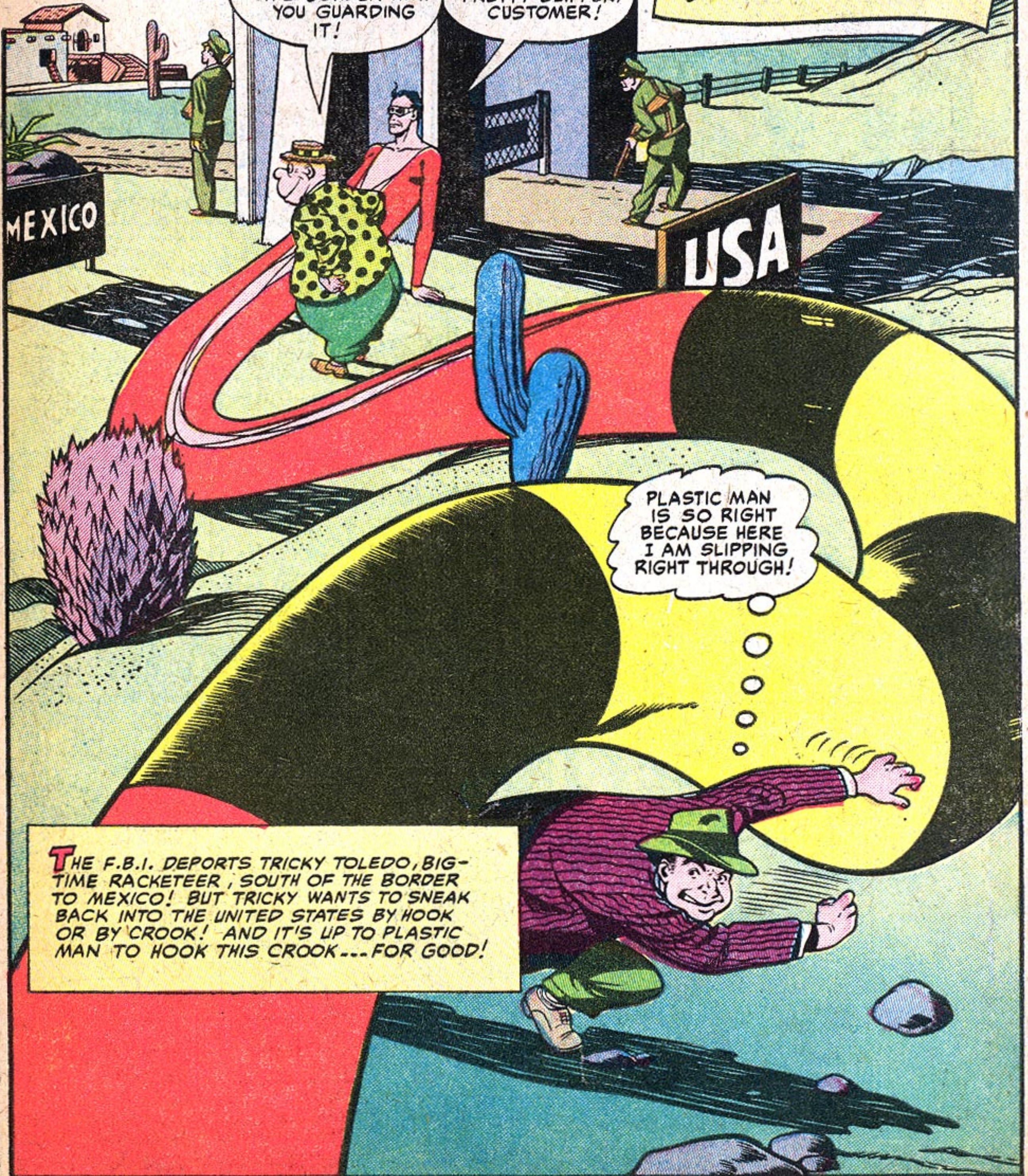
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GOSH, PLAS! I
DON'T SEE HOW
ANYONE CAN
GET ACROSS
THE BORDER WITH
YOU GUARDING
IT!

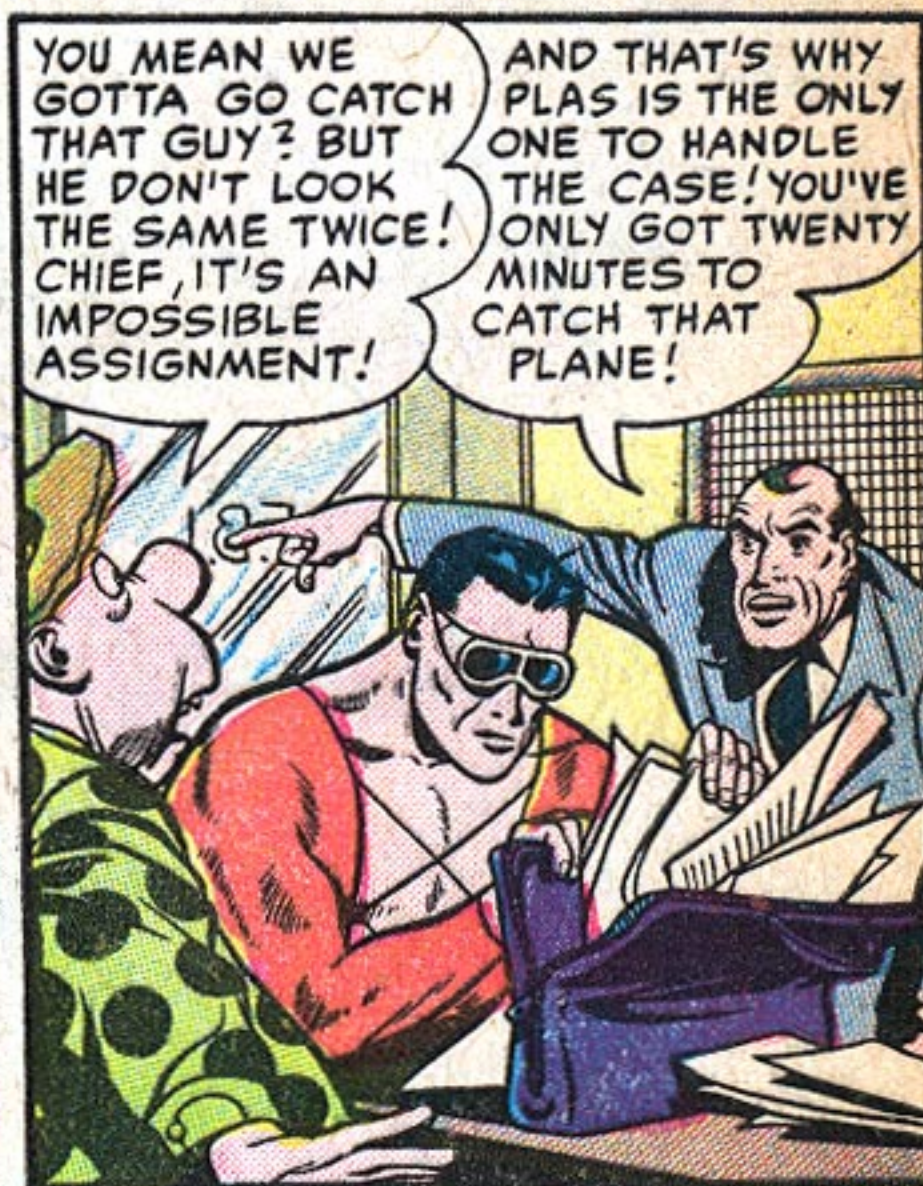
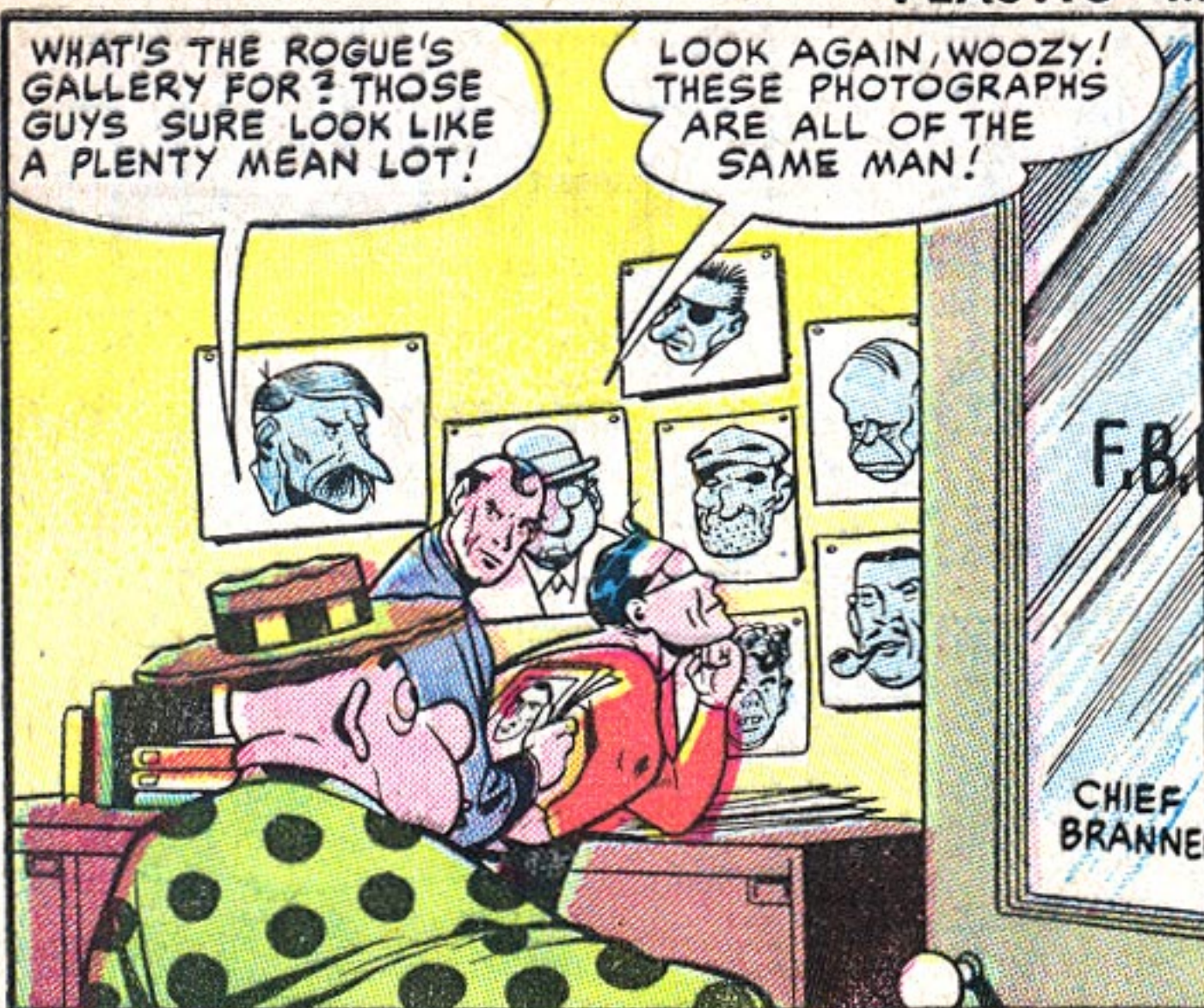
DON'T BE
SO SURE,
WOODY! TRICKY
TOLEDO IS A
PRETTY SLIPPERY
CUSTOMER!

and the
**ATTEMPTED RETURN
of TRICKY TOLEDO**

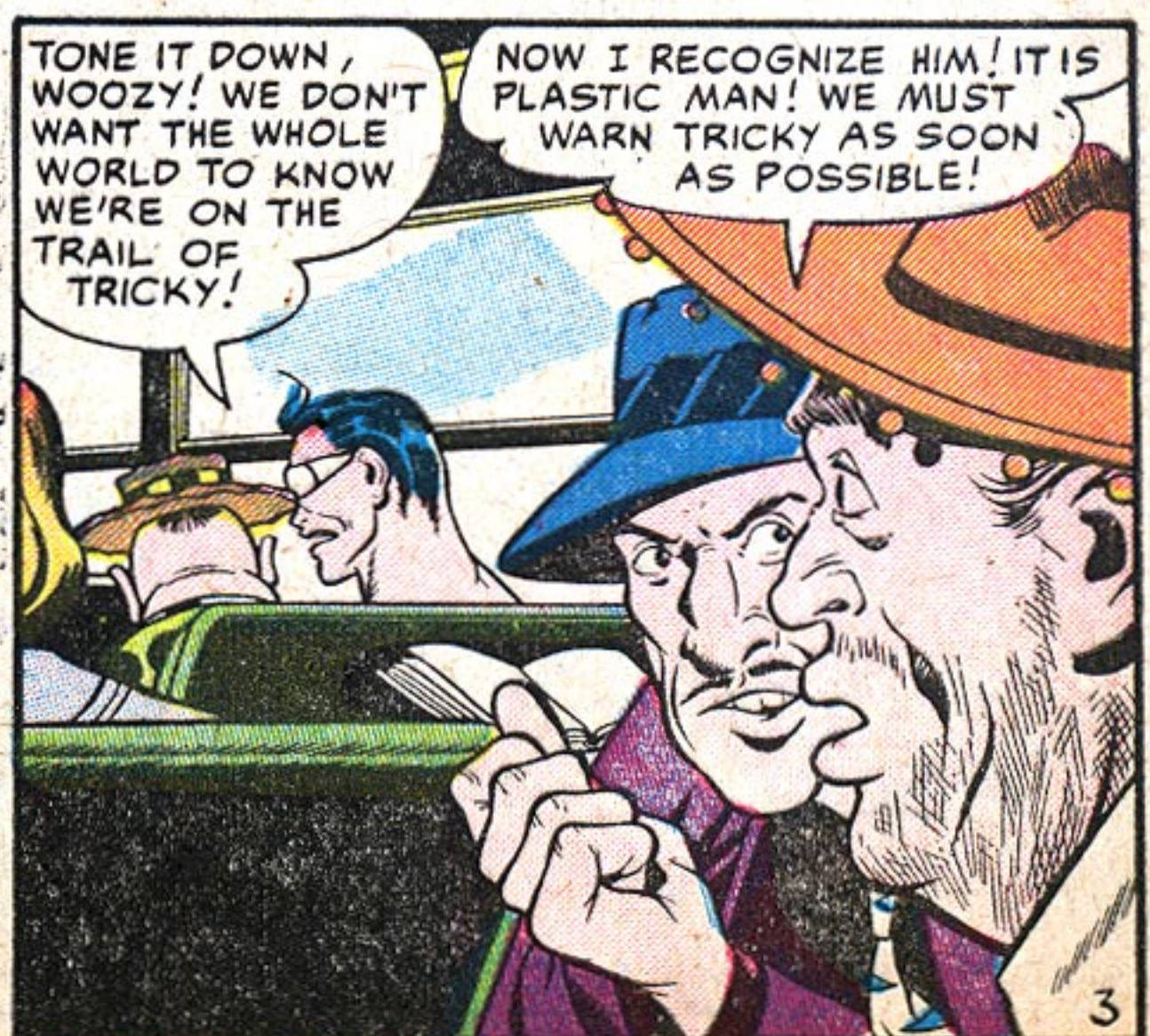
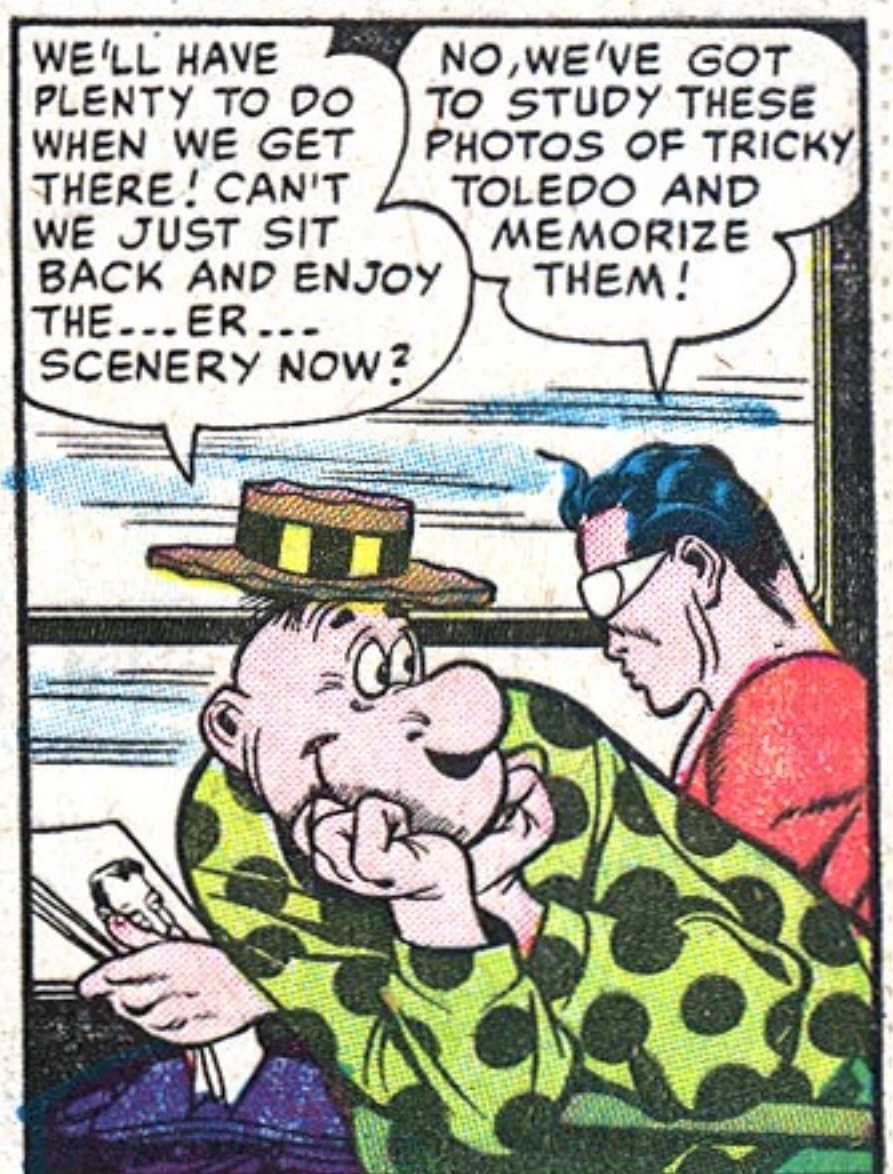
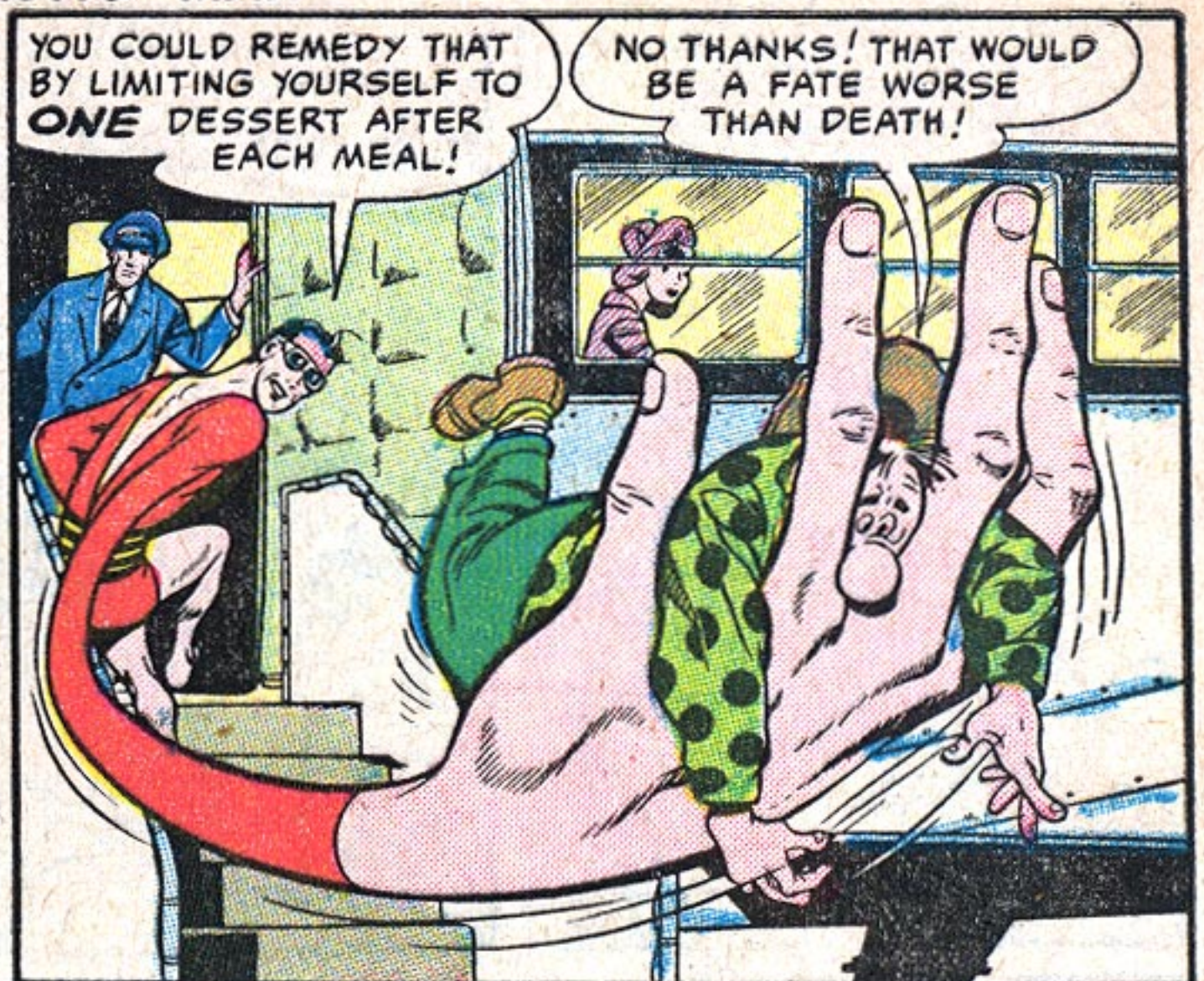
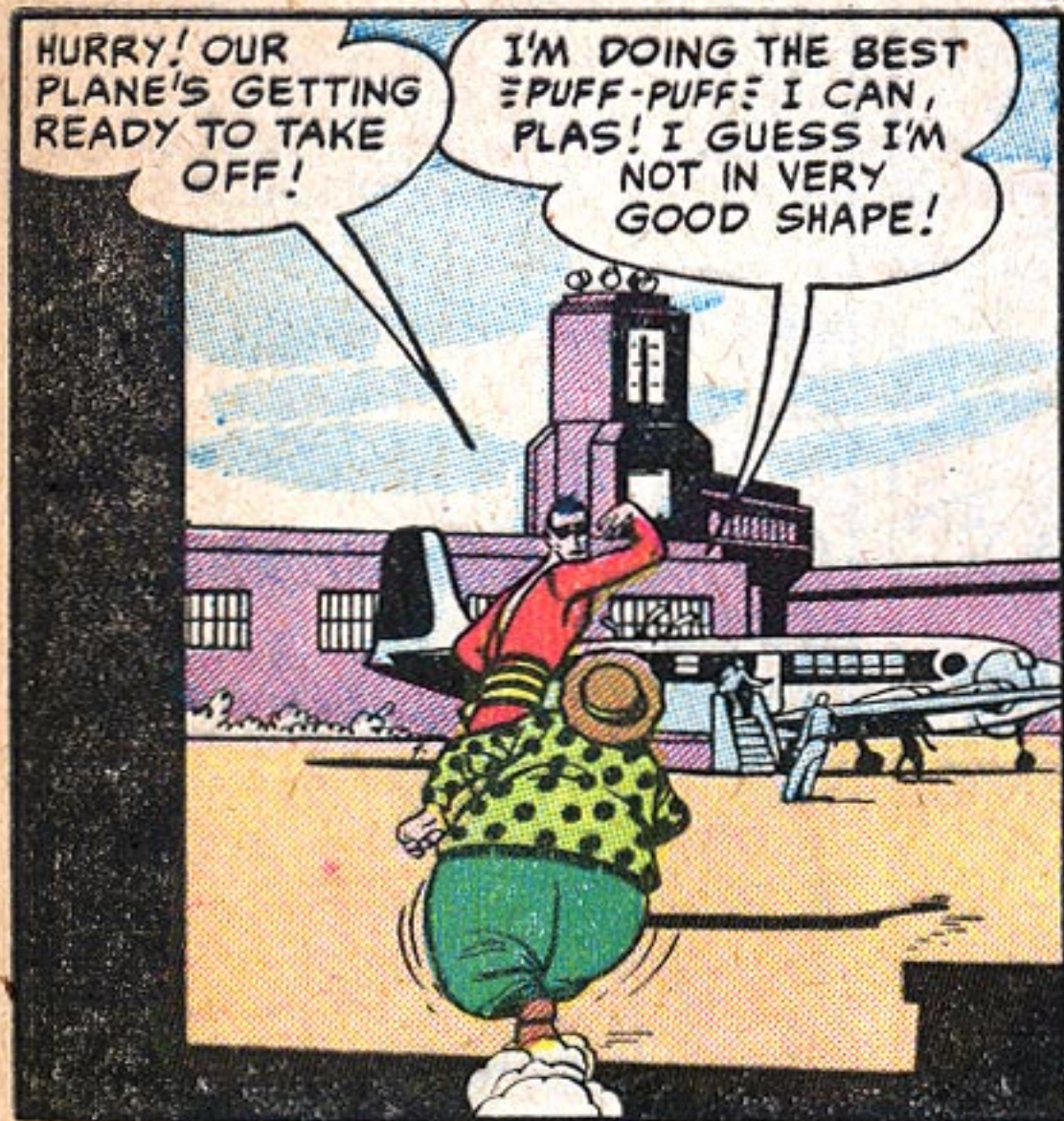


THE F.B.I. DEPORTS TRICKY TOLEDO, BIG-TIME RACKETEER, SOUTH OF THE BORDER TO MEXICO! BUT TRICKY WANTS TO SNEAK BACK INTO THE UNITED STATES BY HOOK OR BY CROOK! AND IT'S UP TO PLASTIC MAN TO HOOK THIS CROOK... FOR GOOD!

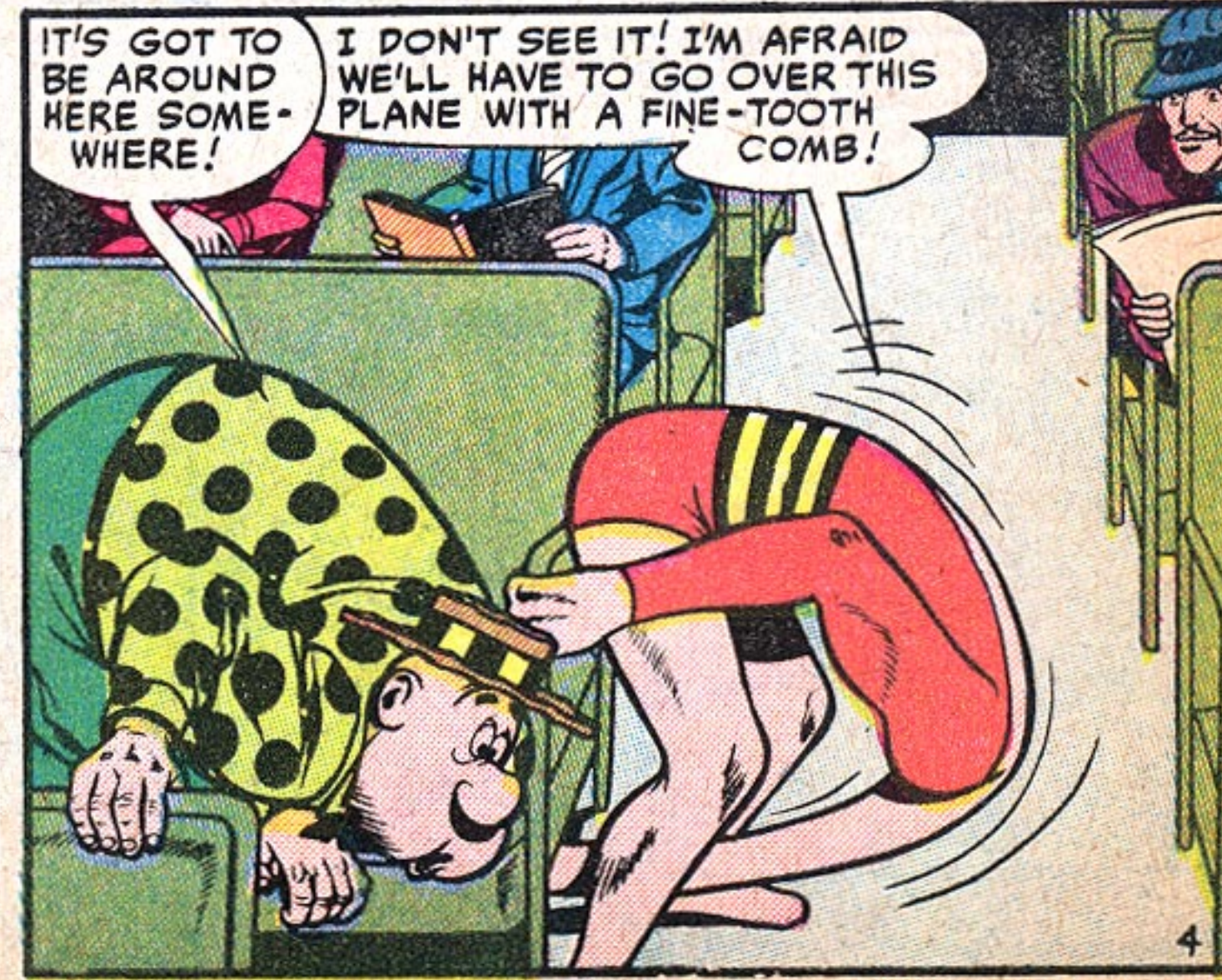
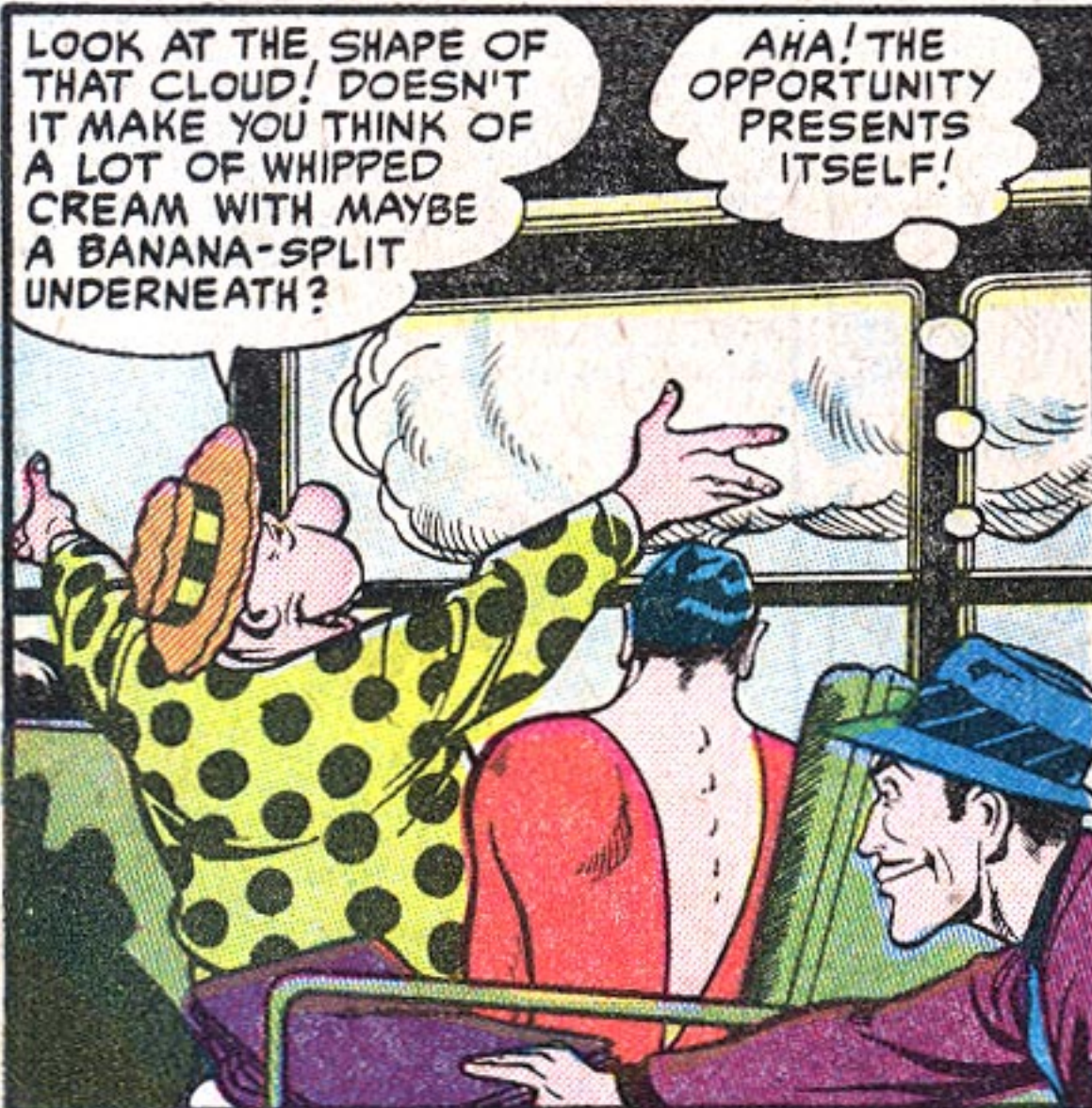
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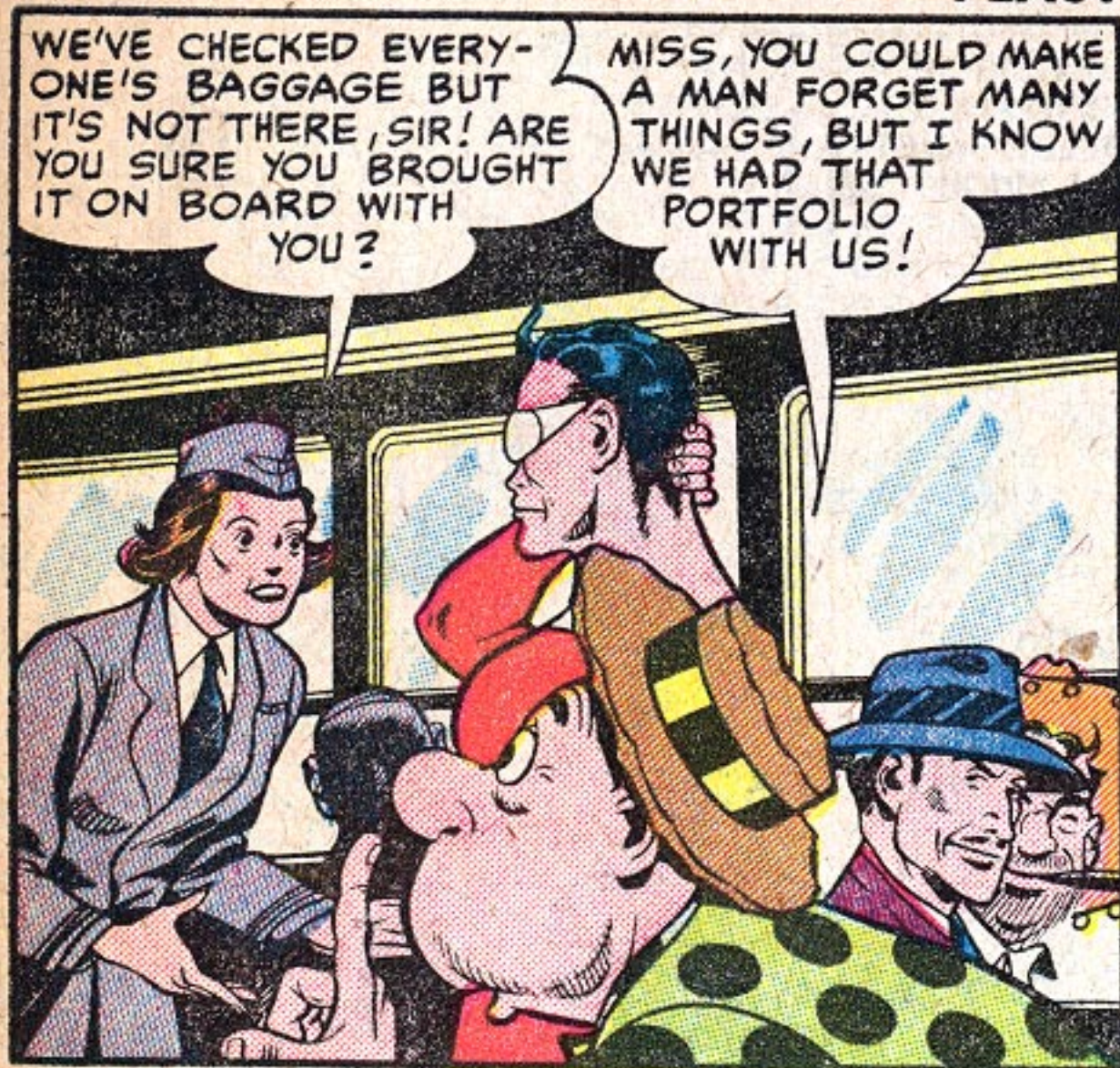
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IT WOULD HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT FOR PLASTIC MAN TO LOCATE TRICKY! BUT WITHOUT THE PHOTOGRAPHS AND THE OTHER INFORMATION, PLASTIC MAN WILL BE STUMBLING AROUND IN THE DARK!



WE'RE GETTING READY TO LAND, SIR! PERHAPS YOUR PORTFOLIO WILL TURN UP WHEN THE BAGGAGE GOES THROUGH CUSTOMS!

I HOPE SO! BUT ON THE CHANCE IT DOESN'T, WOULD YOU SEND THIS TELEGRAM THROUGH?



I'M WIRING THE CHIEF TO SEND US DUPLICATE INFORMATION! BUT IT'S CERTAINLY GOING TO SLOW US UP!

OH, GOLLY, PLAS! AND WHILE WE'RE WAITING, TRICKY TOLEDO MAY BE SLIPPING ACROSS THE BORDER!



I AM SO SORRY, SENOR! WE HAVE CHECKED THOROUGHLY BUT WE DID NOT FIND YOUR MISSING PORTFOLIO!

THANKS FOR YOUR TROUBLE! IF YOU GET ANY INFORMATION ON IT, YOU CAN REACH ME AT THE JUMPING BEAN HOTEL!



SALUDOS, AMIGOS! HAVE YOU MADE ALL THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ME TO RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES?

TRICKY TOLEDO! FOR A MOMENT I DID NOT EVEN KNOW IT WAS YOU!

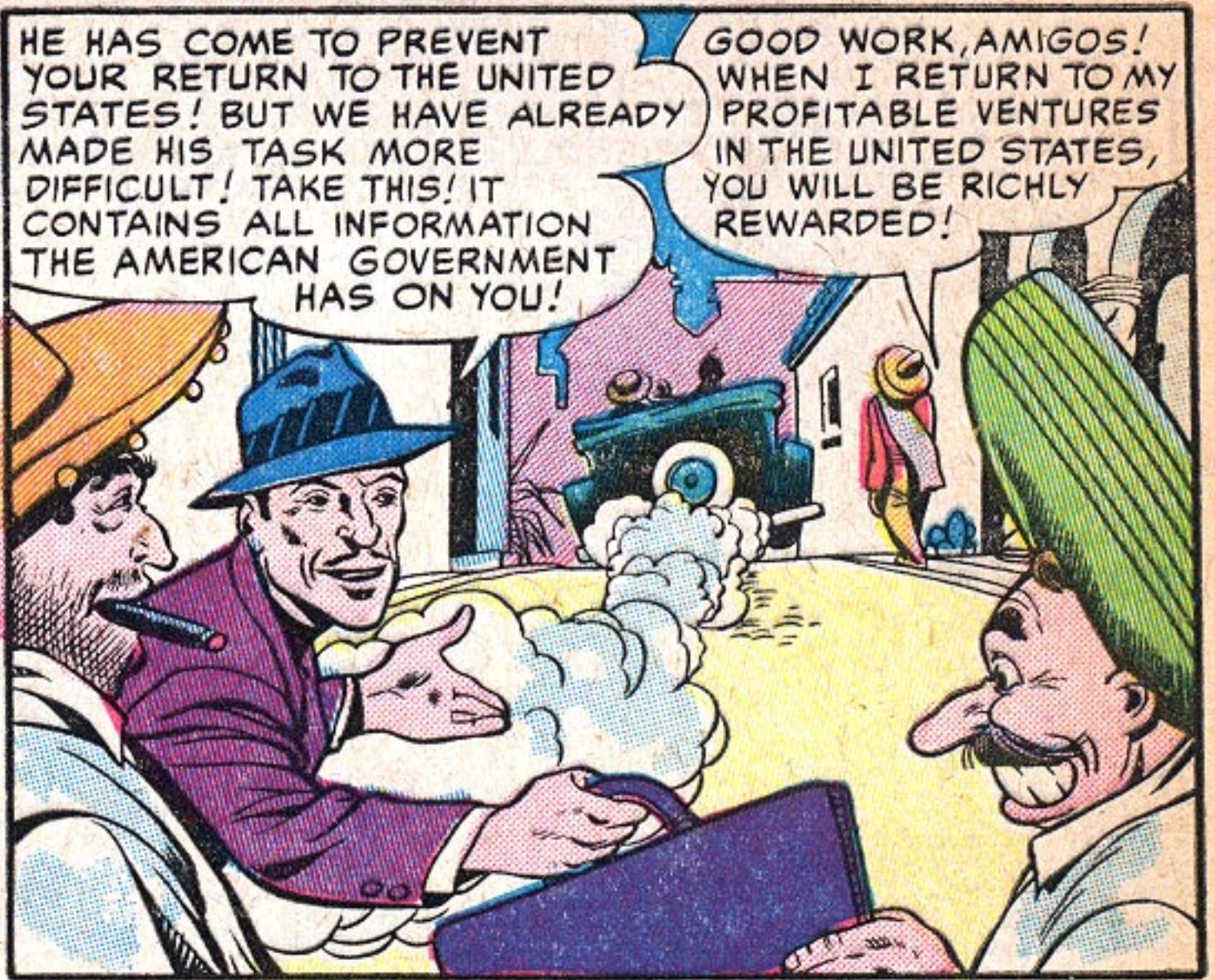


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BUT THAT IS PLASTIC MAN! WHAT IS HE DOING HERE IN MEXICO?

DRIVER, TAKE US TO THE JUMPING BEAN HOTEL!



HE HAS COME TO PREVENT YOUR RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES! BUT WE HAVE ALREADY MADE HIS TASK MORE DIFFICULT! TAKE THIS! IT CONTAINS ALL INFORMATION THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT HAS ON YOU!

GOOD WORK, AMIGOS! WHEN I RETURN TO MY PROFITABLE VENTURES IN THE UNITED STATES, YOU WILL BE RICHLY REWARDED!



BUT NOW WE MUST FOLLOW PLASTIC MAN TO HIS HOTEL! ALREADY I HAVE A PLAN! PLASTIC MAN HIMSELF WILL HELP ME CROSS THE BORDER!



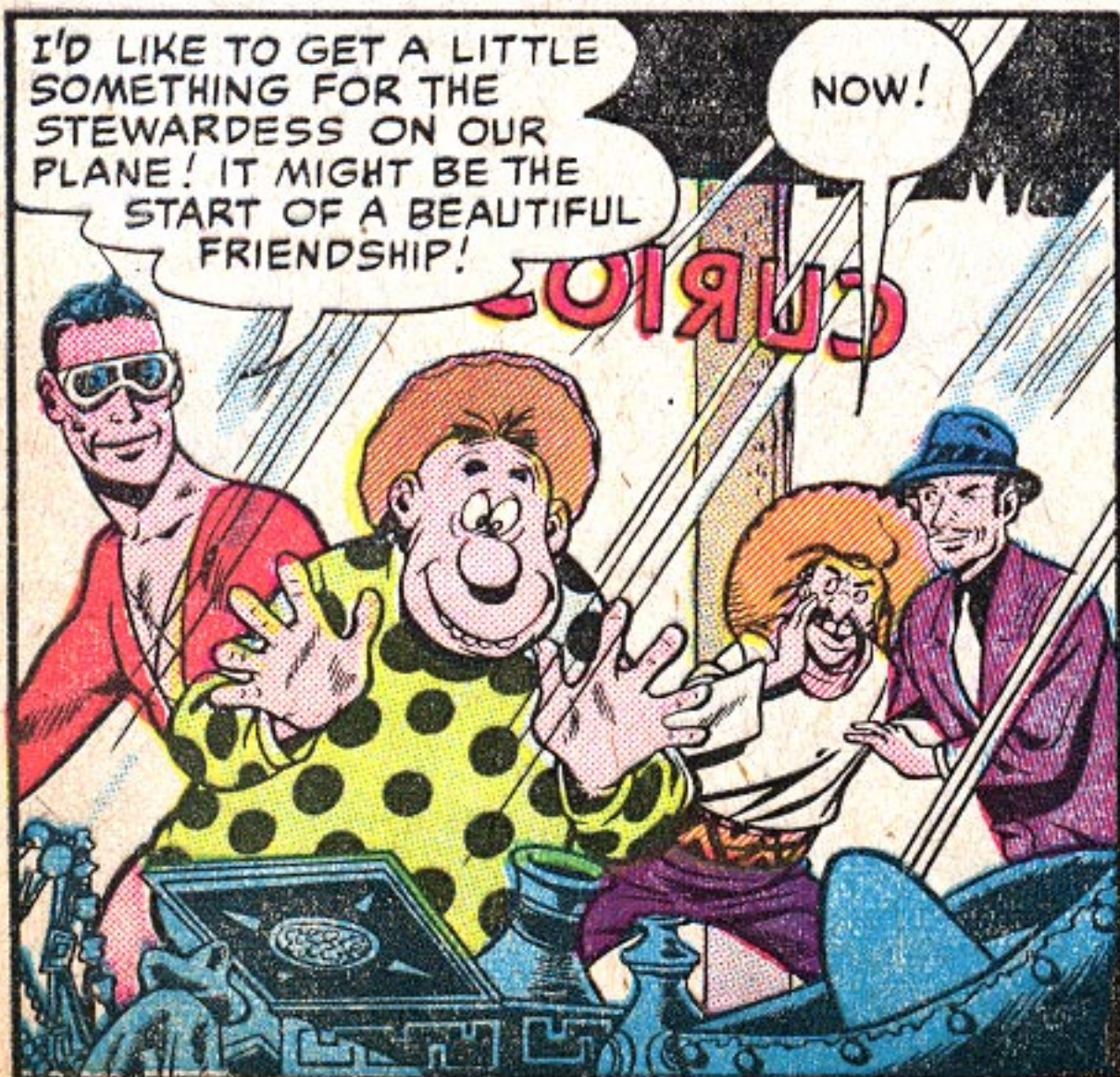
A SHORT TIME LATER...

WELL, WE'RE ALL CHECKED IN AT THE HOTEL! WE MIGHT AS WELL DO SOME SIGHT-SEEING WHILE WE'RE WAITING TO HEAR FROM THE CHIEF!

SURE THING, PLAS! COMING UP IN THE TAXI, I SPOTTED SOME SHOPS DOWN THE STREET WHERE THEY SELL CURIOS! LET'S GO THERE!

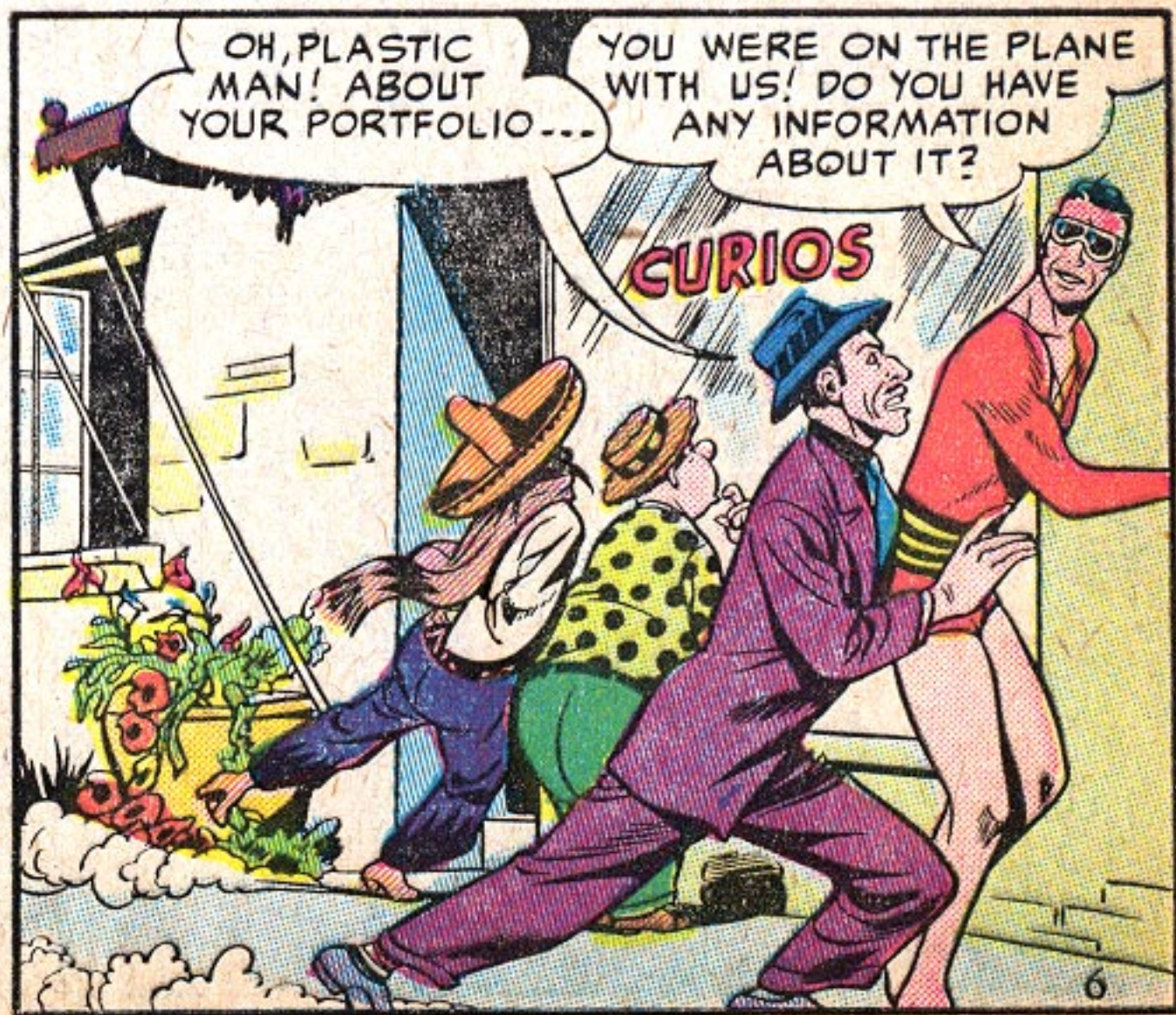


PLASTIC MAN IS VERY CLEVER BUT I SUSPECT HIS STOUT FRIEND IS NOT! IT IS THE STOUT ONE WHO WILL ASSURE THE SUCCESS OF MY PLAN!



I'D LIKE TO GET A LITTLE SOMETHING FOR THE STEWARDESS ON OUR PLANE! IT MIGHT BE THE START OF A BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIP!

NOW!

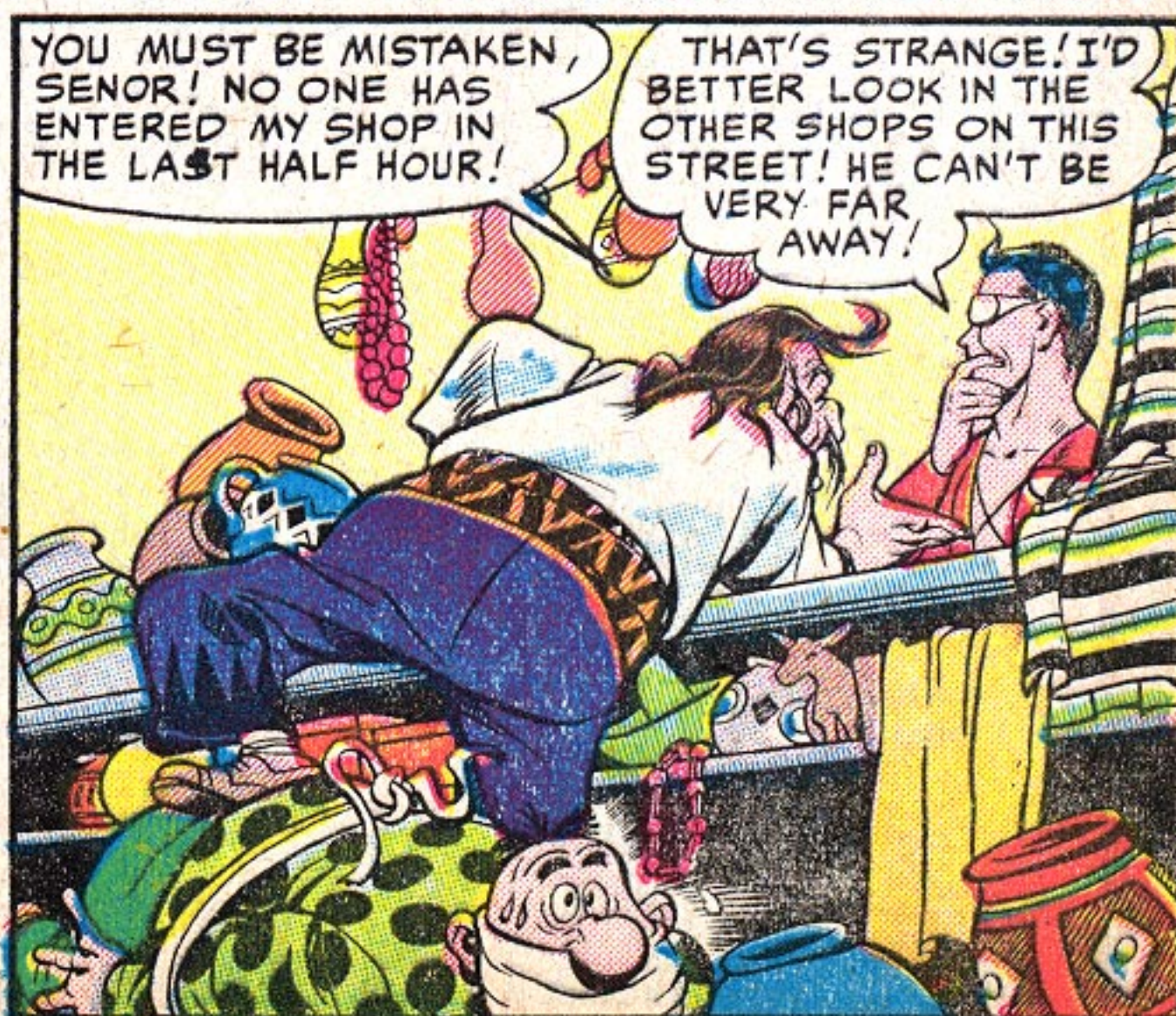
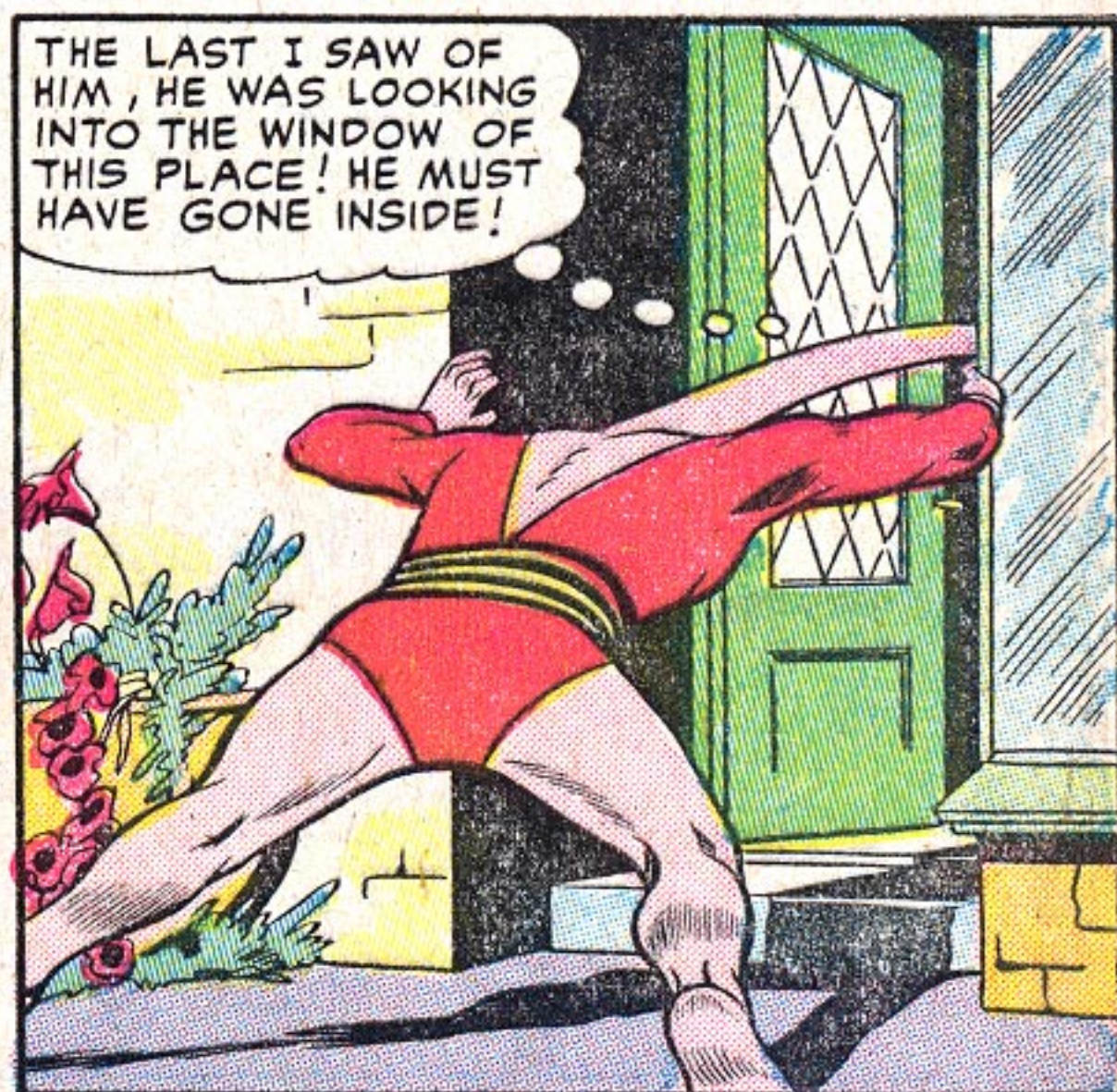
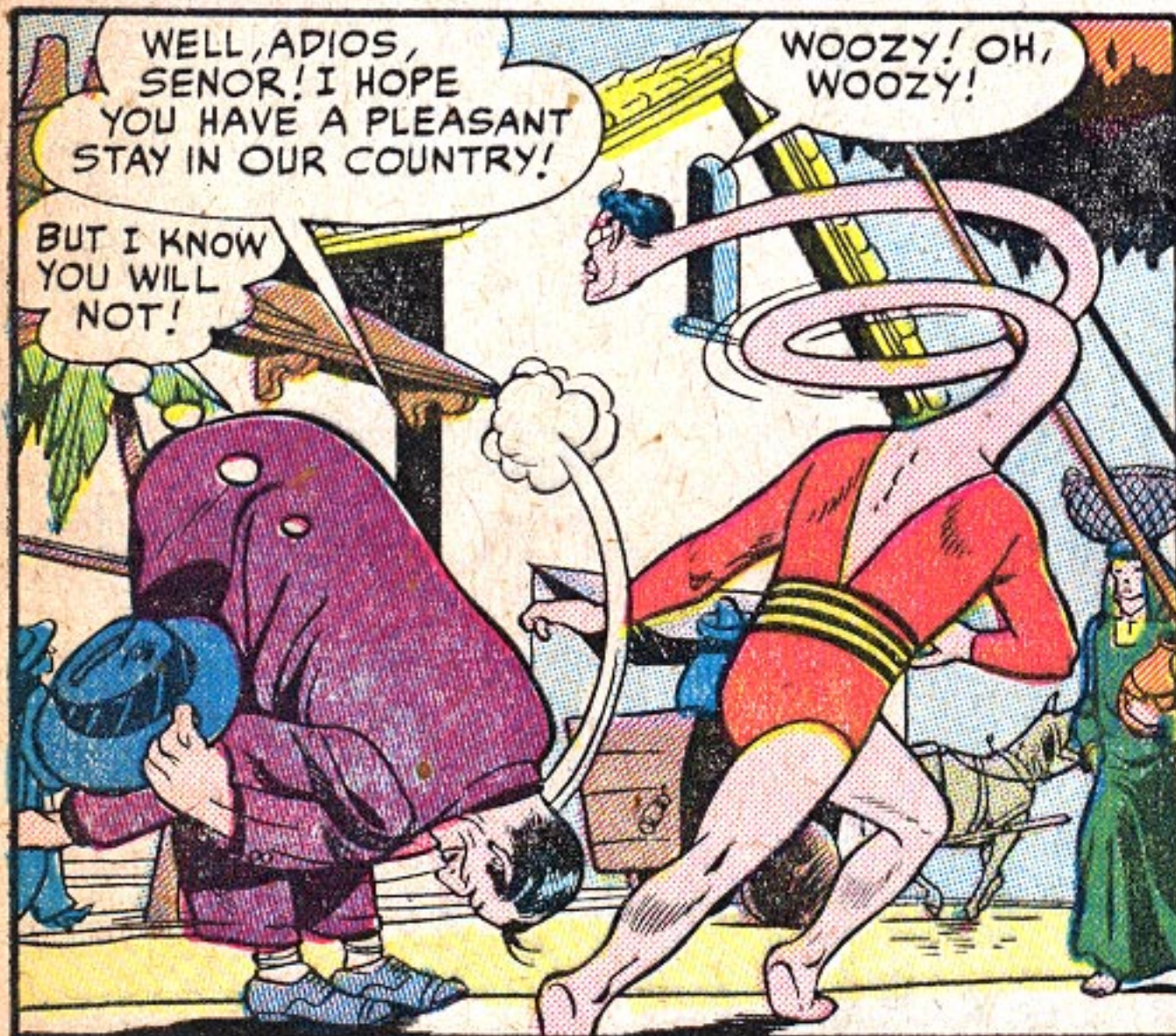
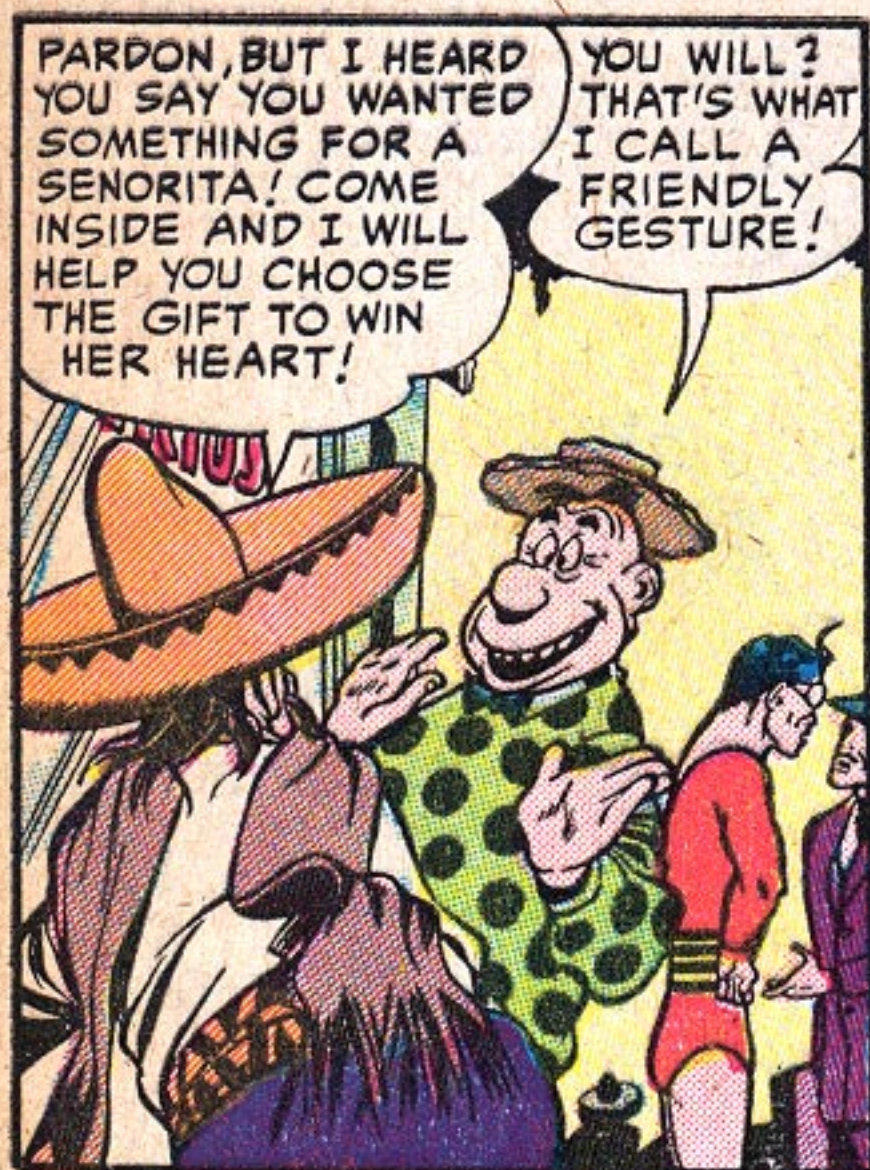


OH, PLASTIC MAN! ABOUT YOUR PORTFOLIO...

YOU WERE ON THE PLANE WITH US! DO YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT IT?

CURIOS

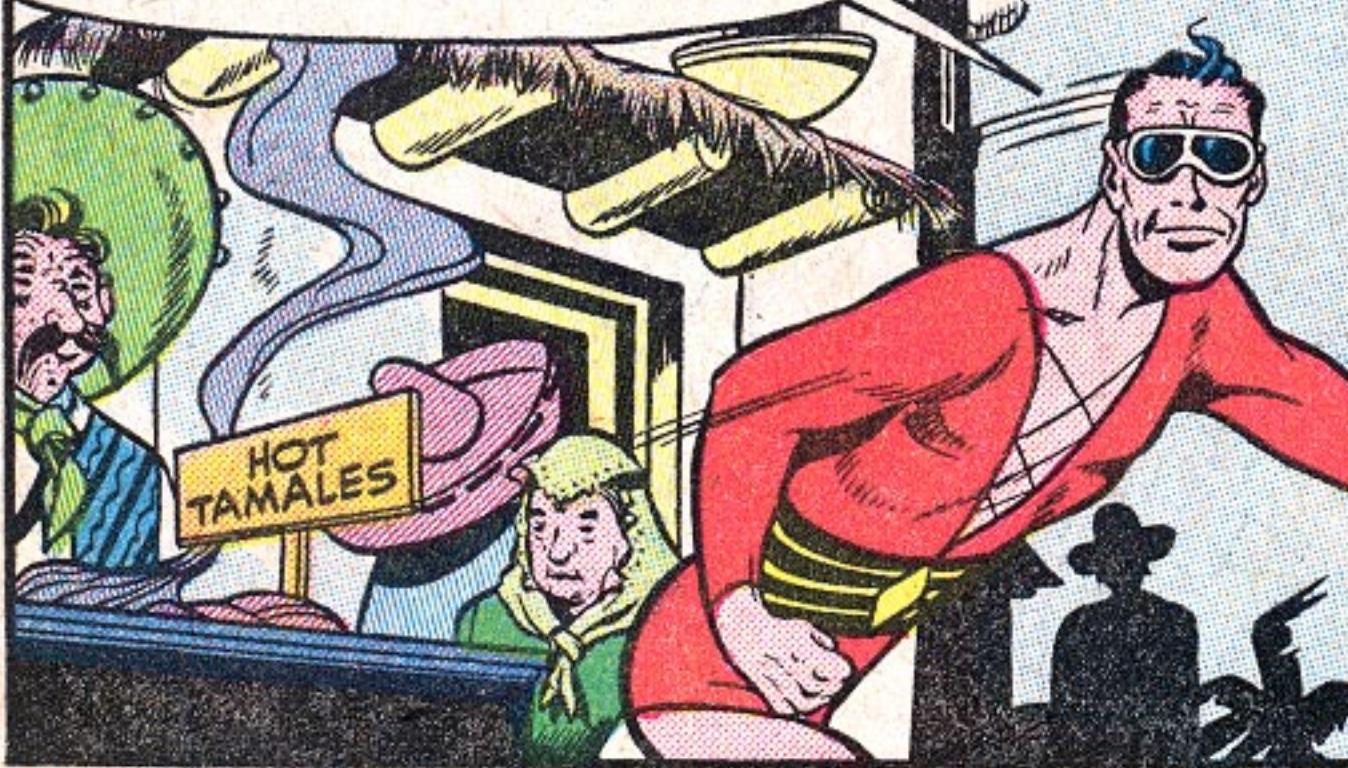
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AND AFTER A FRUITLESS SEARCH...

HE SEEMS TO HAVE VANISHED!
THAT MAN WHO STOPPED ME IN THE
STREET...I GET IT NOW! WHILE HE
DIVERTED MY ATTENTION, SOMEONE
SPIRITED WOODY AWAY! BUT WHO?
I'M GOING BACK TO THAT FIRST
SHOP AND CHECK AGAIN!



OF ALL THE LUCK!
IN THE MEANTIME
I'D BETTER NOTIFY
THE LOCAL POLICE
OF WOODY'S
DISAPPEARANCE!

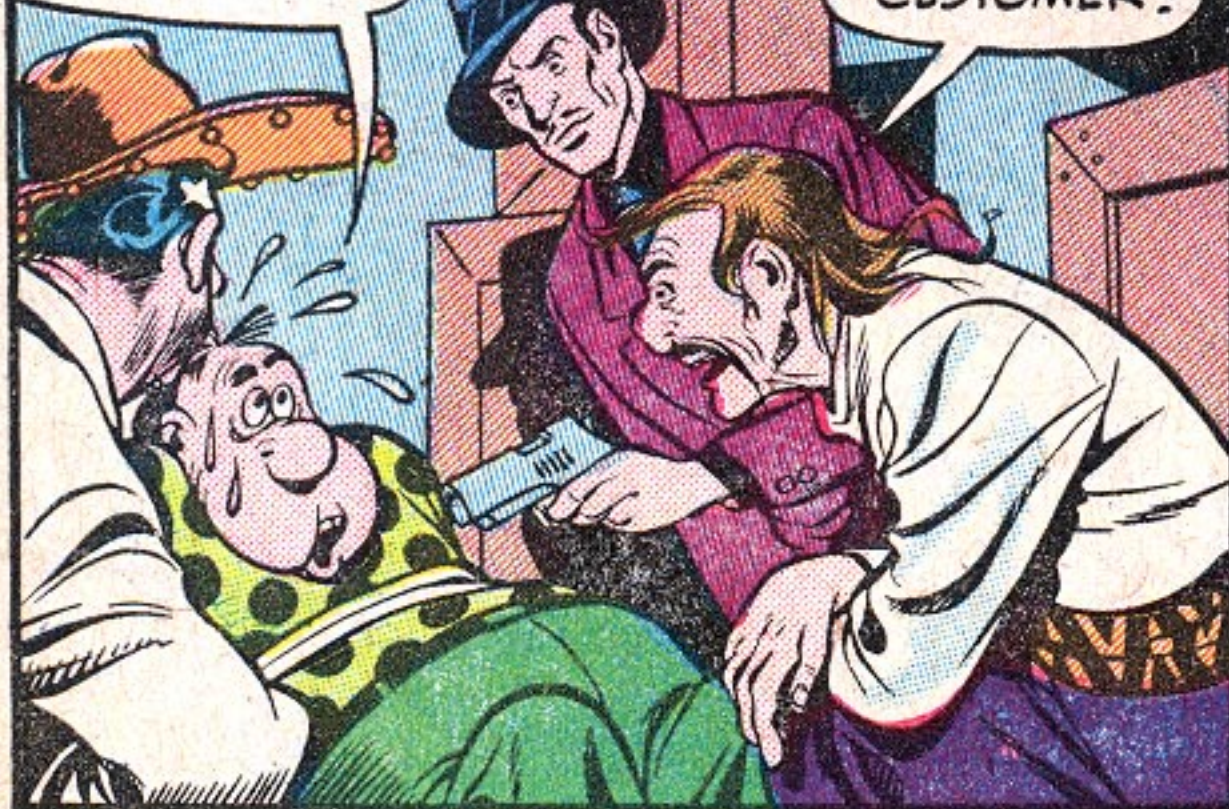
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MEANWHILE, IN THE BACK ROOM
OF THE CLOSED SHOP...

WHAT'S THIS ALL
ABOUT, FELLOWS?
IS THIS THE WAY
TO TREAT A CASH
CUSTOMER?

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WHY ARE YOU
SAYING EXACTLY
WHAT I SAY? ARE
YOU A PARROT
OR SOMETHING?

YOUR IMITATION OF HIS
VOICE IS EXCELLENT,
TRICKY! I BELIEVE IT
WOULD DECEIVE EVEN
PLASTIC MAN WHO
KNOWS HIM
WELL!



⚡GULP⚡ HE
CALLED YOU
TRICKY!
YOU'RE
TRICKY
TOLEDO!
OH, WHY
DID I
EVER
LEAVE
HOME?

NOW I WILL
TAKE YOUR
CLOTHES! THEY
WILL MAKE MY
DISGUISE
COMPLETE!



⚡SOB⚡ IT'S A
GOOD THING
MY FRIENDS
CAN'T SEE ME
NOW! OH, THE
HUMILIATION
OF IT ALL!

I WOULD HAVE
PREFERRED TO
DISGUISE MY-
SELF AS A MORE
INTELLIGENT AND
HANDSOME MAN,
BUT IT IS NOT
POSSIBLE IN
THIS CASE...

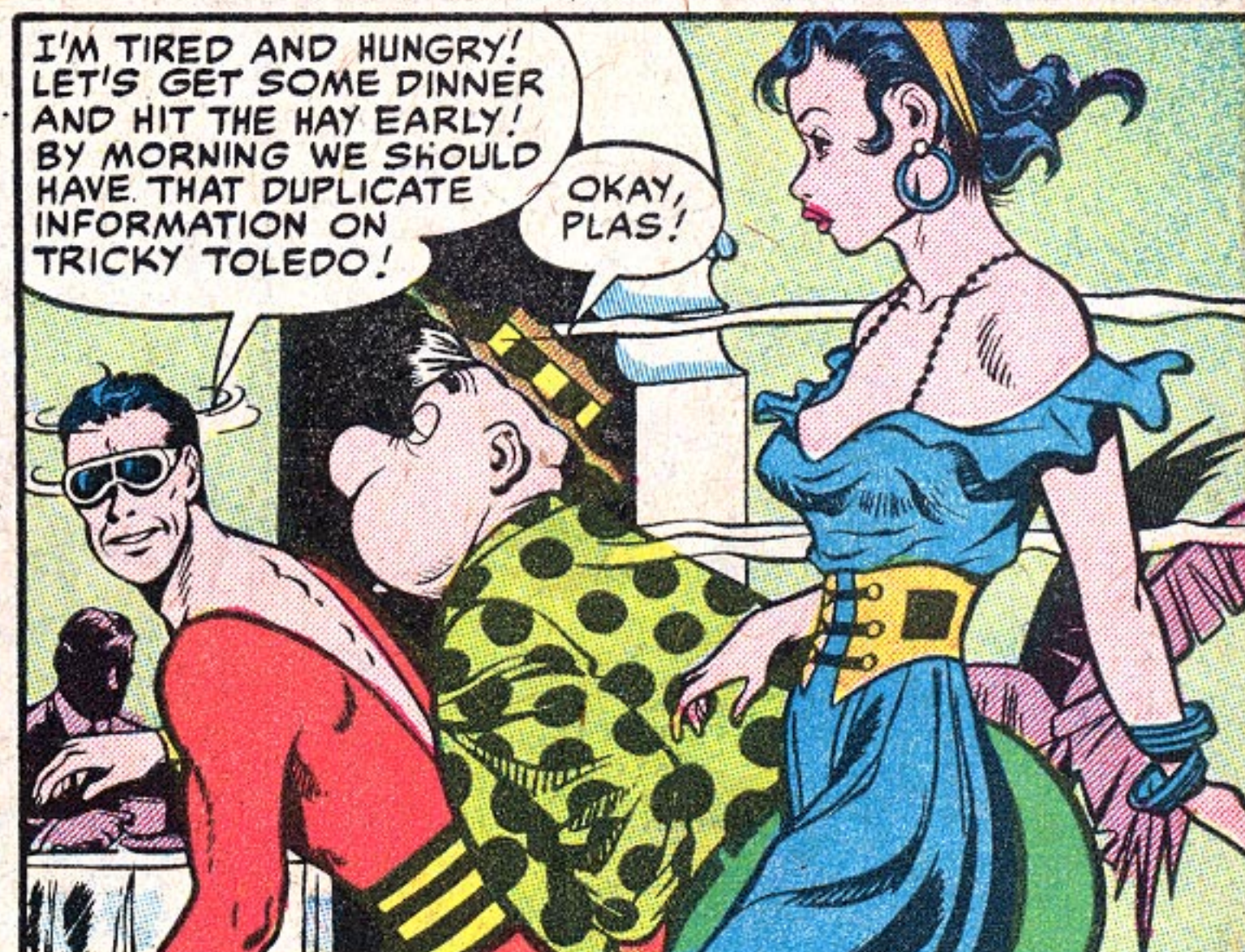
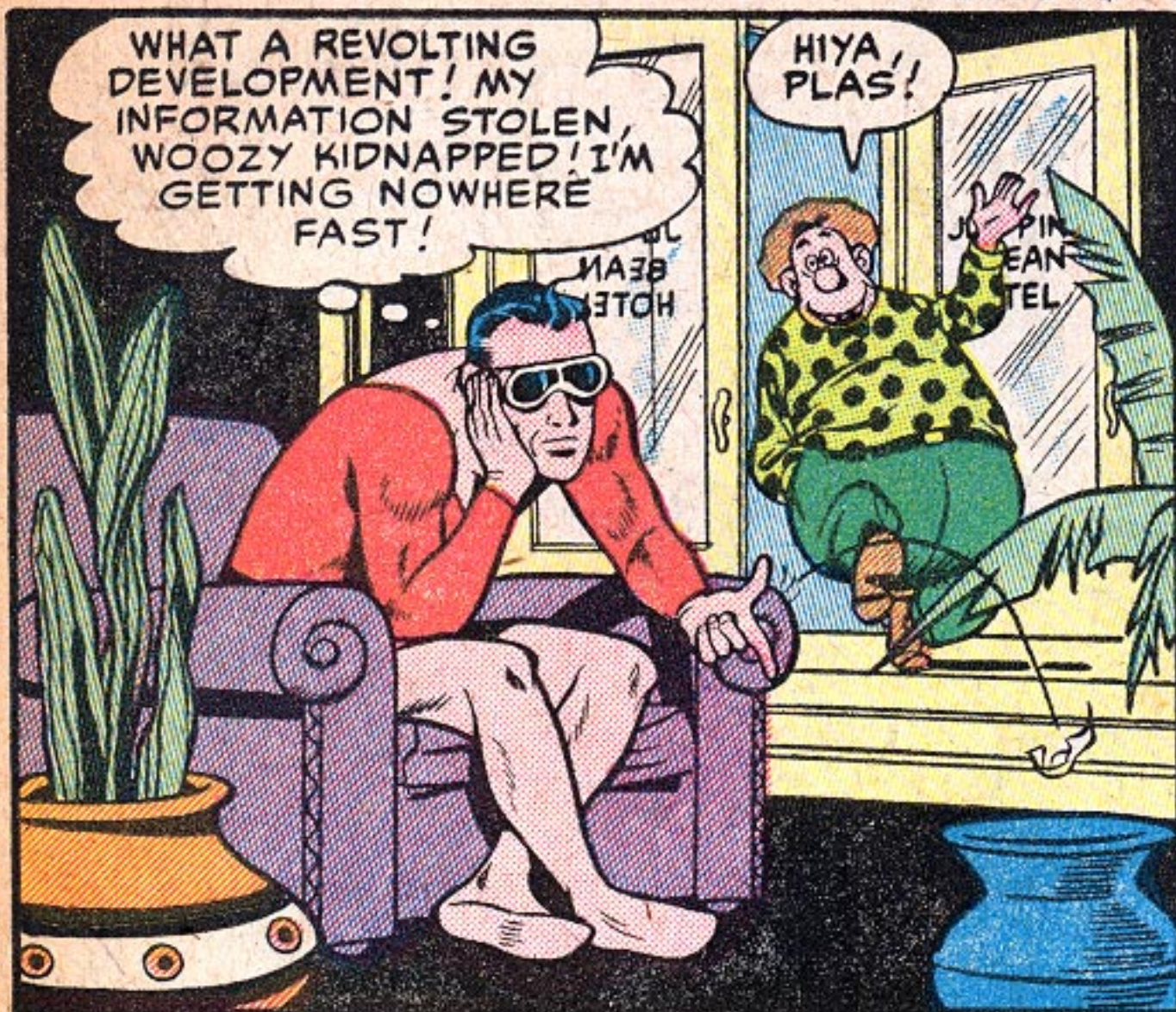


---SINCE I MUST
LOOK LIKE WOODY
WINKS!



MAKE-UP

PLASTIC MAN

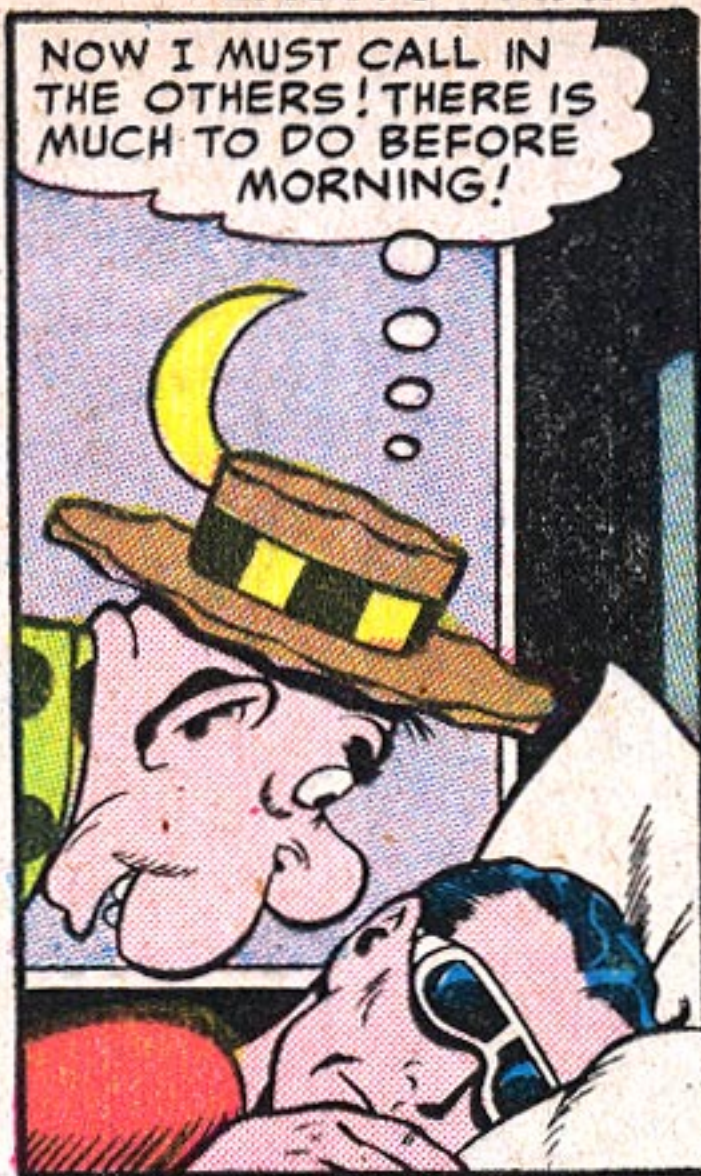


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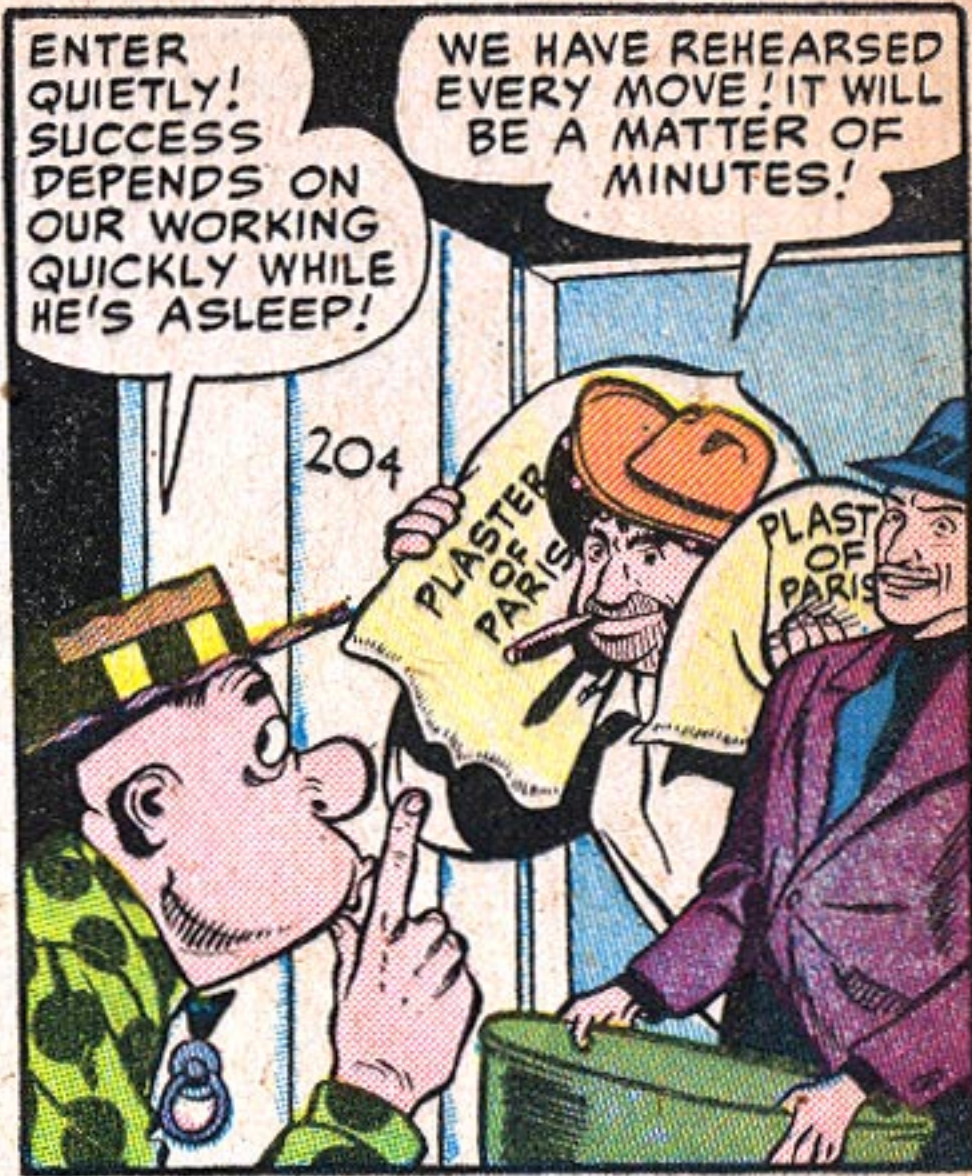


IT MUST BE ALMOST MID-NIGHT! YAWN! I CAN'T STAY AWAKE ANOTHER MINUTE!

ME, EITHER! I'LL SEE YOU IN DREAMLAND, PLAS! G'NIGHT!



NOW I MUST CALL IN THE OTHERS! THERE IS MUCH TO DO BEFORE MORNING!



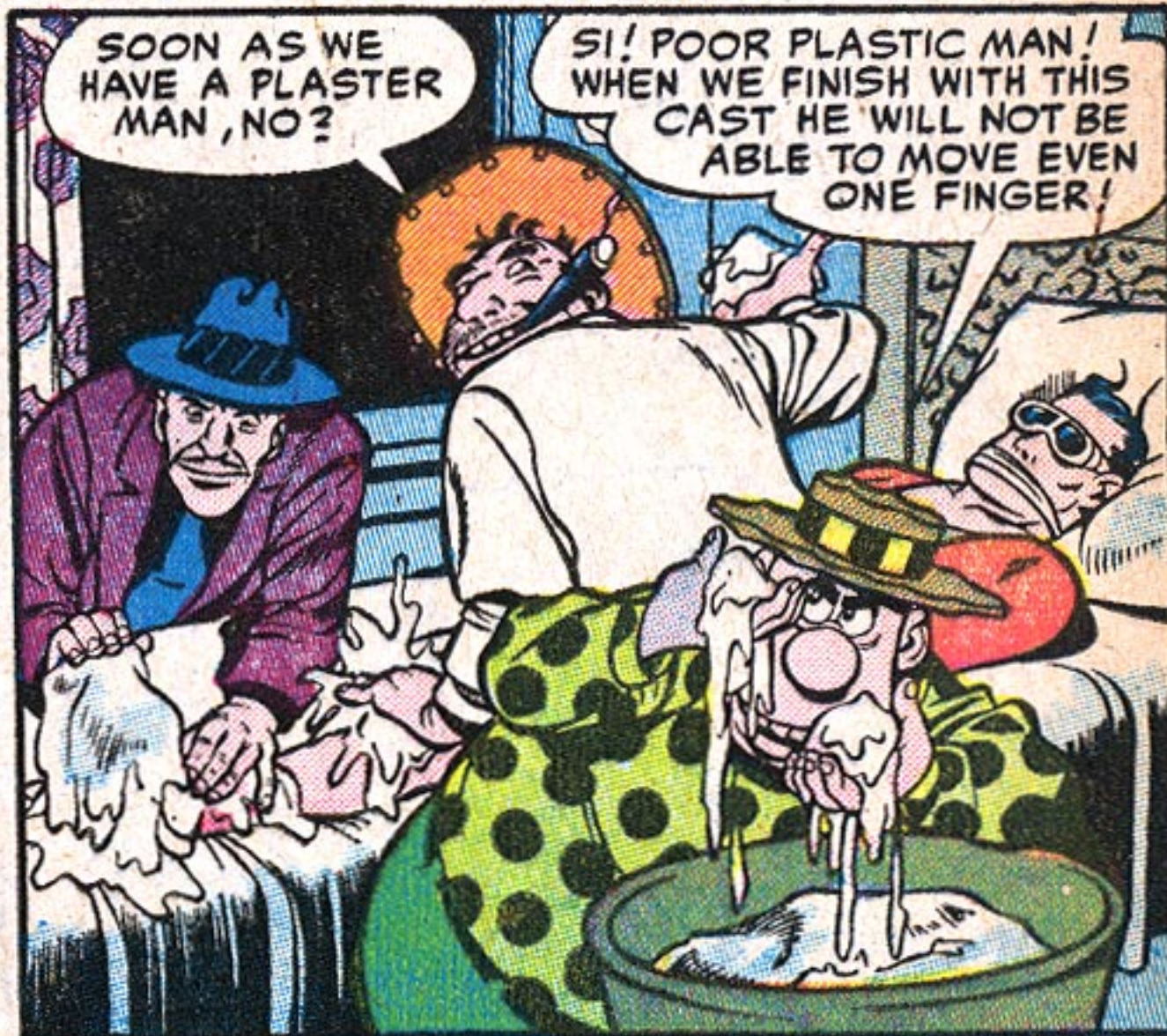
ENTER QUIETLY! SUCCESS DEPENDS ON OUR WORKING QUICKLY WHILE HE'S ASLEEP!

WE HAVE REHEARSED EVERY MOVE! IT WILL BE A MATTER OF MINUTES!



I DON'T THINK HE'LL AWAKE, BUT IN CASE HE DOES, THIS WILL QUIET HIM!

THE PLASTER OF PARIS IS READY, TRICKY! WE'RE READY TO BEGIN!



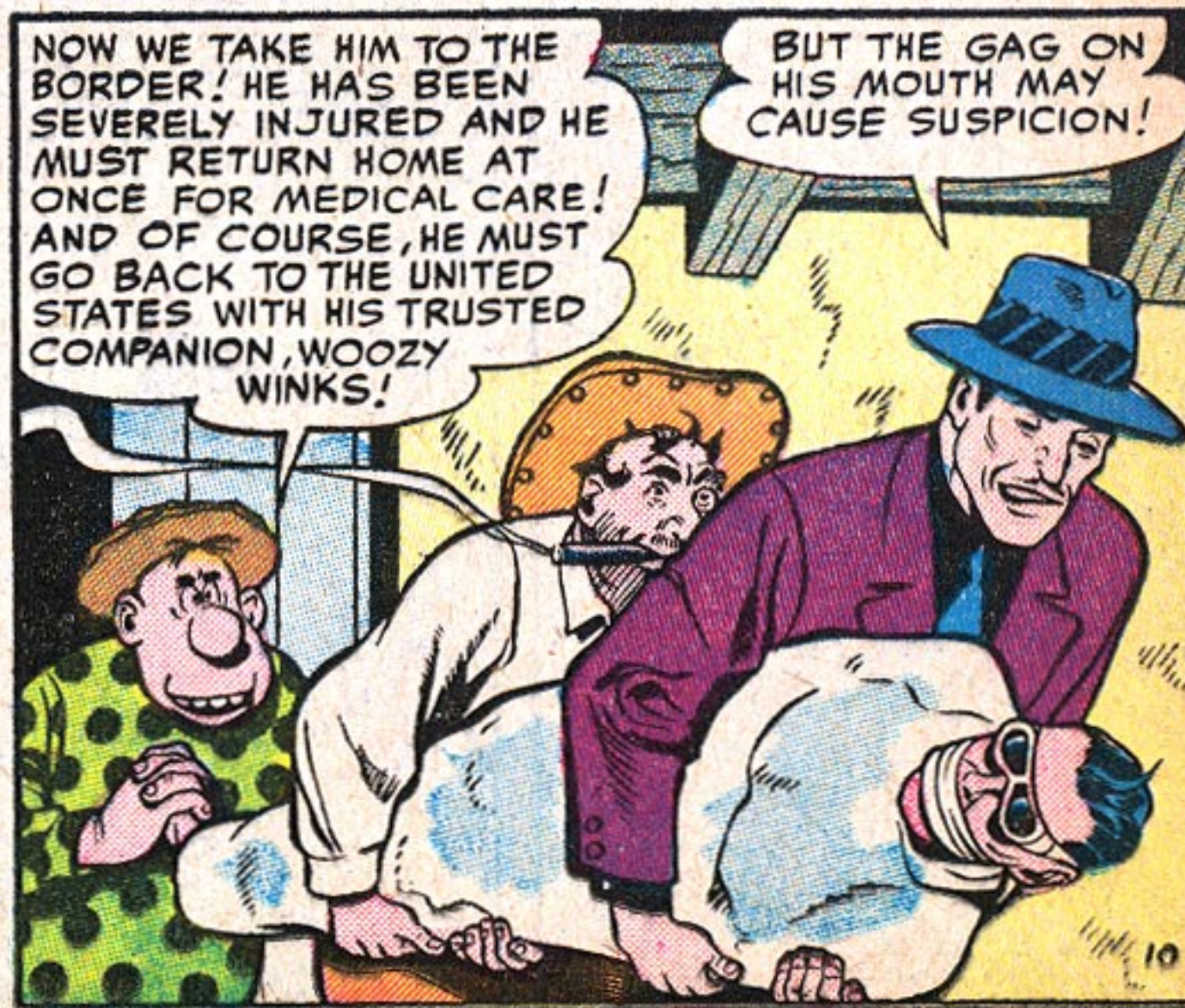
SOON AS WE HAVE A PLASTER MAN, NO?

SI! POOR PLASTIC MAN! WHEN WE FINISH WITH THIS CAST HE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MOVE EVEN ONE FINGER!



SHALL WE COVER HIS FACE, TOO?

NO, HE WOULD SUFFOCATE! WE DO NOT WANT TO KILL HIM YET! FIRST WE MUST CROSS THE BORDER --- THEN THERE WILL BE TIME!



NOW WE TAKE HIM TO THE BORDER! HE HAS BEEN SEVERELY INJURED AND HE MUST RETURN HOME AT ONCE FOR MEDICAL CARE! AND OF COURSE, HE MUST GO BACK TO THE UNITED STATES WITH HIS TRUSTED COMPANION, WOOLY WINKS!

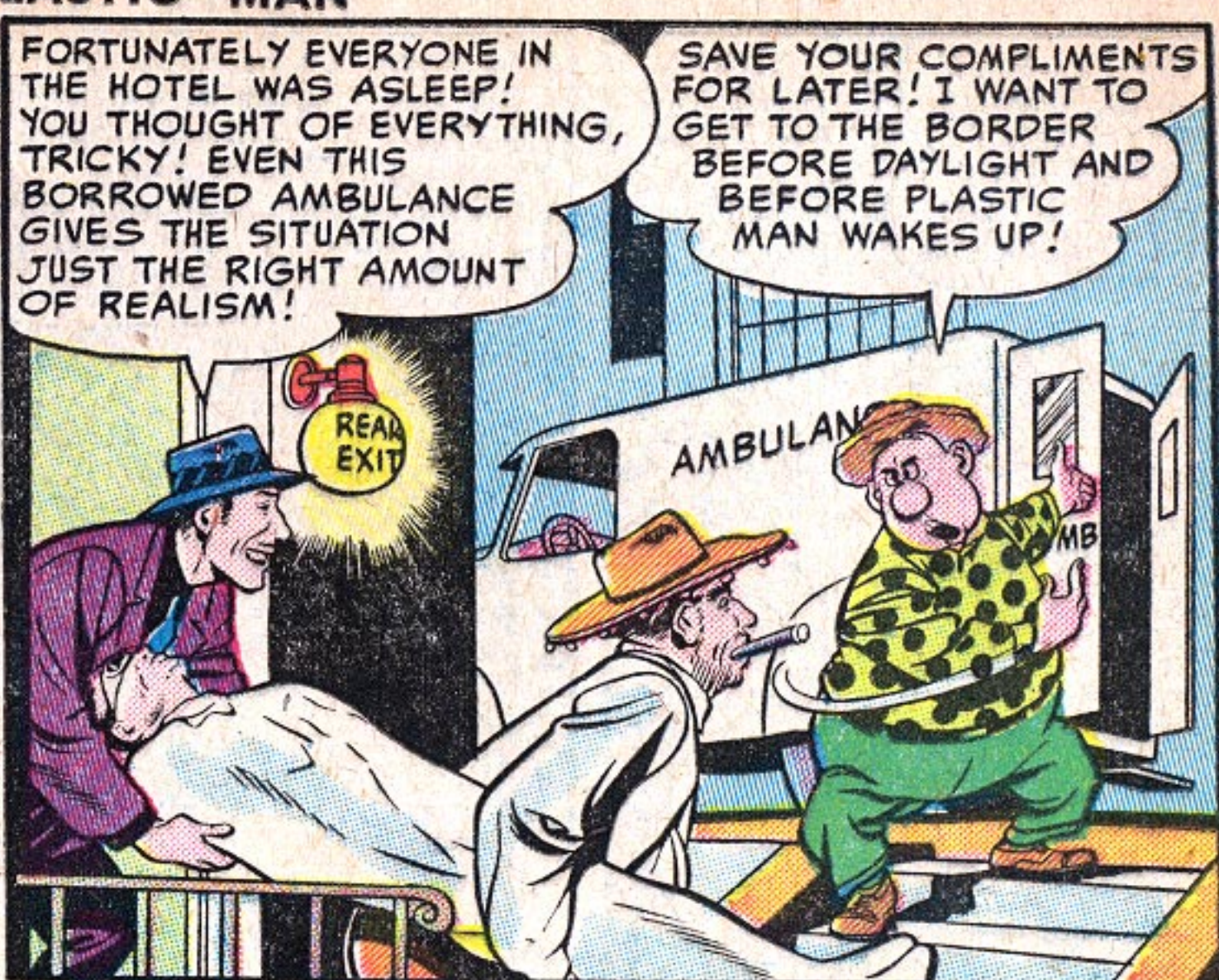
BUT THE GAG ON HIS MOUTH MAY CAUSE SUSPICION!

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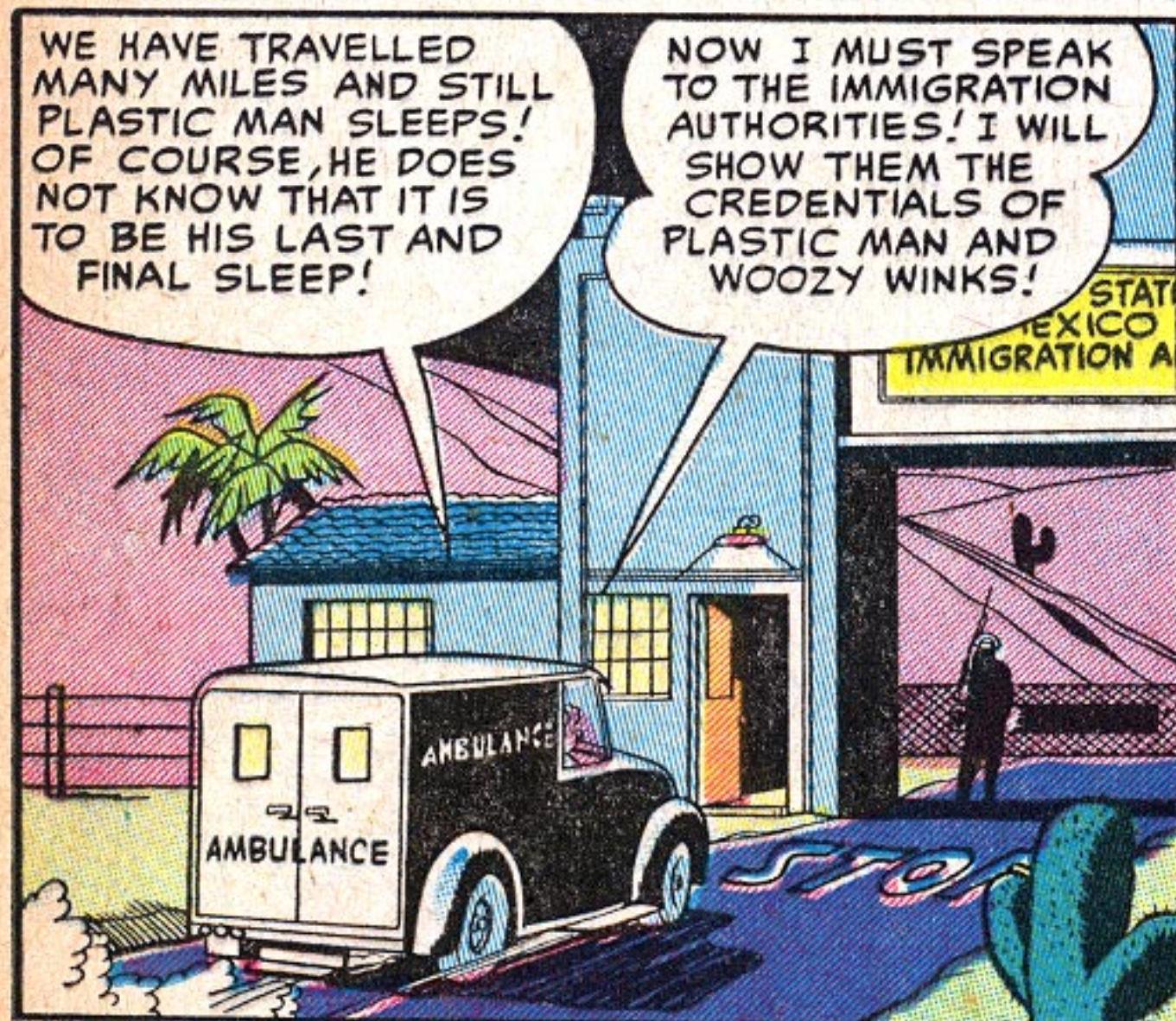
AH, YES, THE GAG! WE TAKE IT OFF... SO! WHEN PLASTIC MAN BEGINS TO TALK, WE SAY IT IS ONLY BABBLING! HE IS IN A STATE OF SHOCK AND DOES NOT KNOW WHAT HE SAYS!

YOU HAVE PLANNED IT ALL WITH PERFECTION, TRICKY! AND SOON YOU WILL BE SAFELY ACROSS THE BORDER!



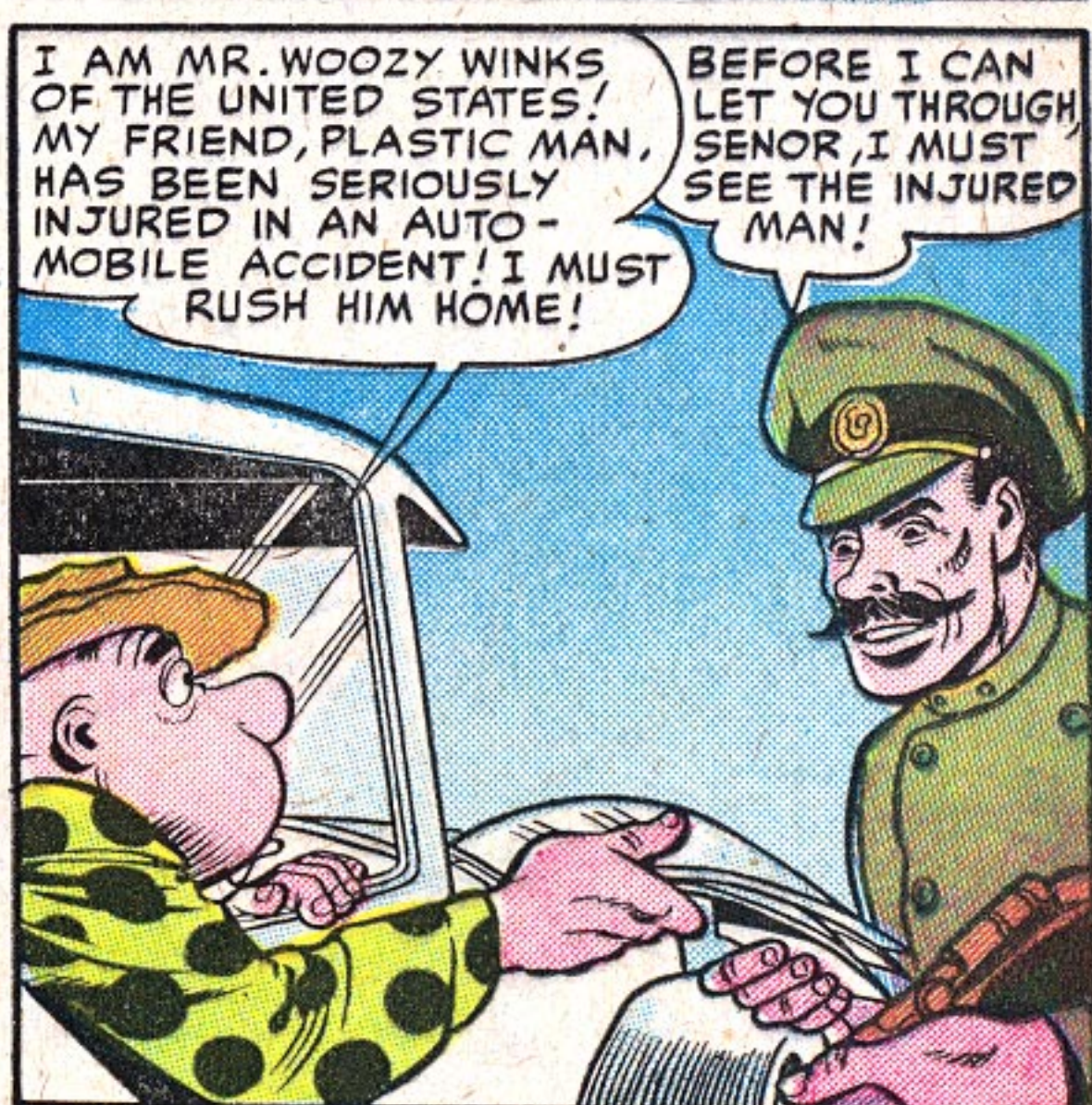
FORTUNATELY EVERYONE IN THE HOTEL WAS ASLEEP! YOU THOUGHT OF EVERYTHING, TRICKY! EVEN THIS BORROWED AMBULANCE GIVES THE SITUATION JUST THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF REALISM!

SAVE YOUR COMPLIMENTS FOR LATER! I WANT TO GET TO THE BORDER BEFORE DAYLIGHT AND BEFORE PLASTIC MAN WAKES UP!



WE HAVE TRAVELLED MANY MILES AND STILL PLASTIC MAN SLEEPS! OF COURSE, HE DOES NOT KNOW THAT IT IS TO BE HIS LAST AND FINAL SLEEP!

NOW I MUST SPEAK TO THE IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES! I WILL SHOW THEM THE CREDENTIALS OF PLASTIC MAN AND WOZZY WINKS!



I AM MR. WOZZY WINKS OF THE UNITED STATES! MY FRIEND, PLASTIC MAN, HAS BEEN SERIOUSLY INJURED IN AN AUTO-MOBILE ACCIDENT! I MUST RUSH HIM HOME!

BEFORE I CAN LET YOU THROUGH, SENOR, I MUST SEE THE INJURED MAN!



WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? WHO PUT ME IN THIS STRAIT JACKET?

AS YOU CAN SEE, MY FRIEND IS FEVERISH! YOU CAN UNDERSTAND MY HASTE TO RETURN HOME WITH HIM!



MY BEST WISHES FOR HIS RECOVERY! NOW ABOUT YOUR PAPERS...

PLASTIC MAN WILL HAVE A FAR MORE SERIOUS ACCIDENT BEFORE I'M FINISHED WITH HIM!



YOUR PAPERS ARE IN ORDER, SENOR WINKS! YOU AND YOUR PARTY MAY PASS THROUGH!

PLASTIC MAN



THE PLASTER IS BEGINNING TO CRACK! APPARENTLY WE DIDN'T DO SUCH A GOOD JOB!

THAT ISN'T THE REASON...



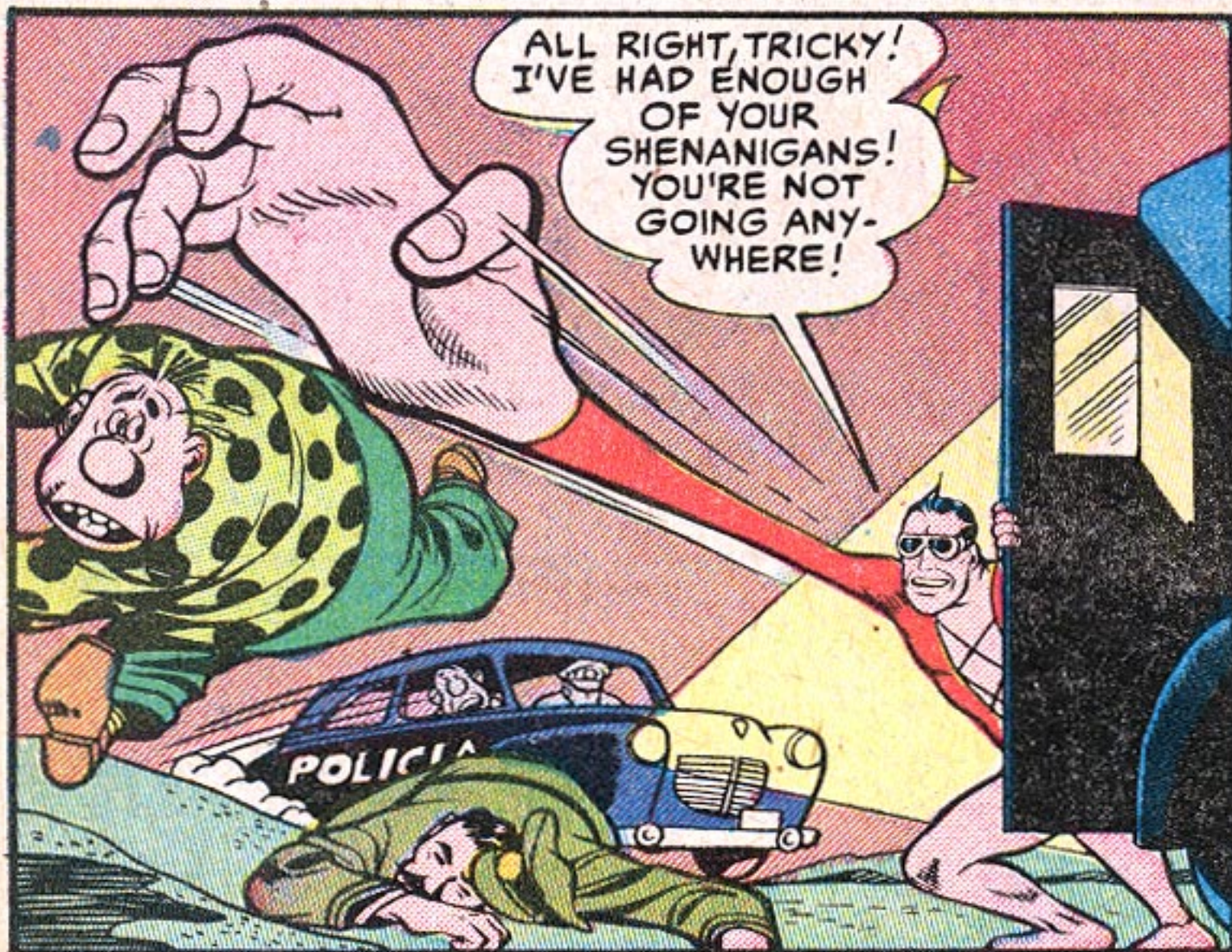
IT'S JUST THAT I'M GETTING TIRED OF BEING COOPED UP!

I SHOULD NOT LIKE PLASTIC MAN'S WRATH TURNED AGAINST ME! LET US GO, QUICKLY!



LOOK, NO HANDS!

THERE MUST BE NO WITNESS TO THIS UNEXPECTED TURN OF EVENTS! WITH THIS GUARD OUT OF THE WAY I CAN MAKE A DASH FOR THE BORDER!



ALL RIGHT, TRICKY! I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YOUR SHENANIGANS! YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE!



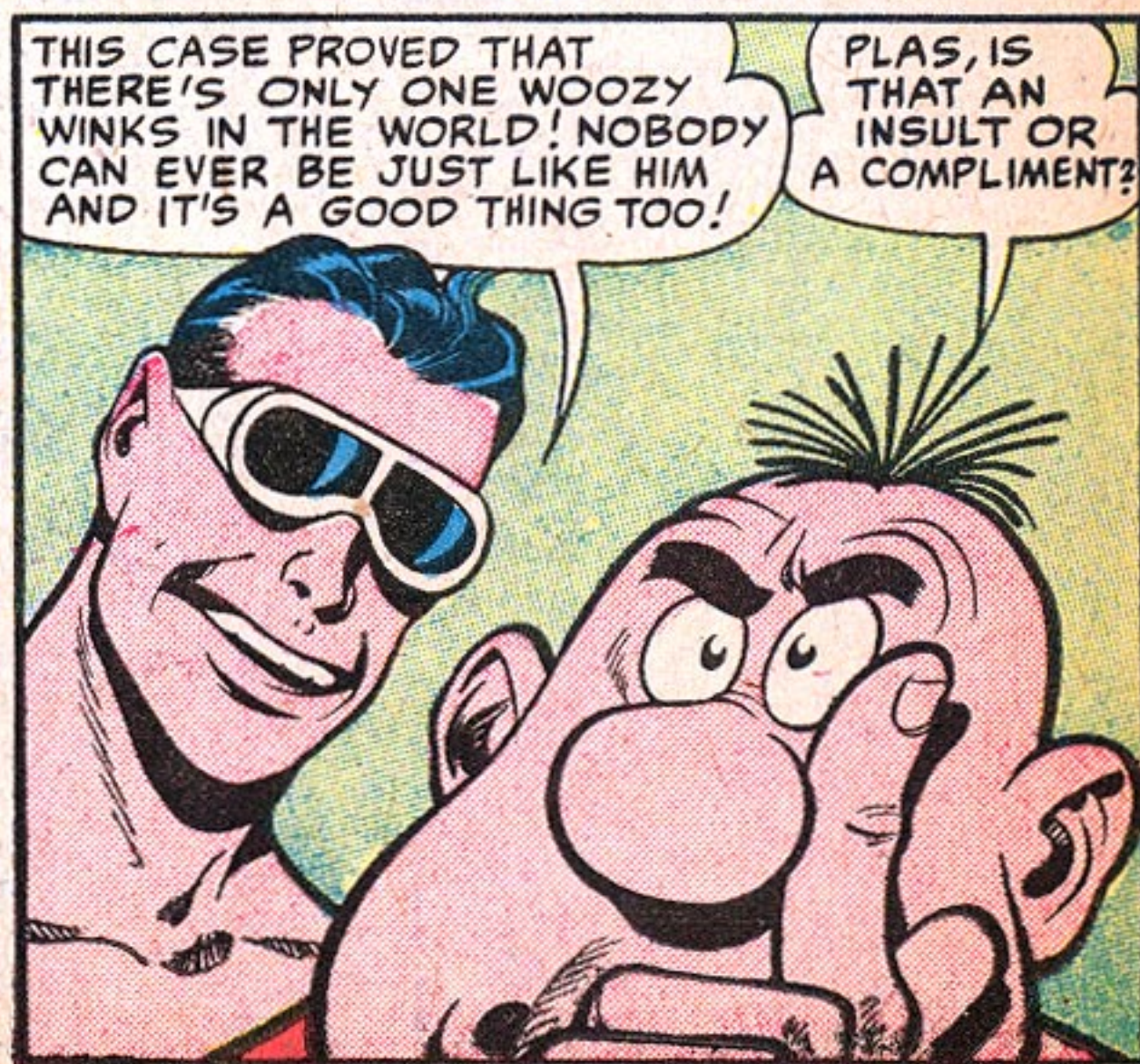
TAKE THIS, YOU SNEAK IN WOOLY'S CLOTHING! THOUGHT I WAS ASLEEP, DID YOU? WELL, I WASN'T! NOW THEY CAN LOCK YOU UP FOR ATTEMPTED KIDNAPPING! AND YOU COULDN'T HAVE KIDNAPPED ME WITHOUT MY COOPERATION!

OH, PLAS! TELL THIS COP I AIN'T CRAZY! TELL HIM I'M THE REAL WOOLY WINKS! THEY SAID AT THE HOTEL YOU WERE HEADED HERE! TELL HIM!



HE'S THE REAL WOOLY WINKS, ALL RIGHT! TRICKY TOLEDO GAVE A PRETTY GOOD IMITATION OF HIM, BUT WHEN HE SCORNEED WOMEN AND FOOD, I GOT SUSPICIOUS!

GOSH, PLAS! I THOUGHT I'D NEVER FIND YOU! TRICKY LOCKED ME UP BUT I ESCAPED! THEN THE POLICE PICKED ME UP BECAUSE THEY THOUGHT I WAS A LUNATIC RUNNING AROUND IN A BLANKET!



THIS CASE PROVED THAT THERE'S ONLY ONE WOOLY WINKS IN THE WORLD! NOBODY CAN EVER BE JUST LIKE HIM AND IT'S A GOOD THING TOO!

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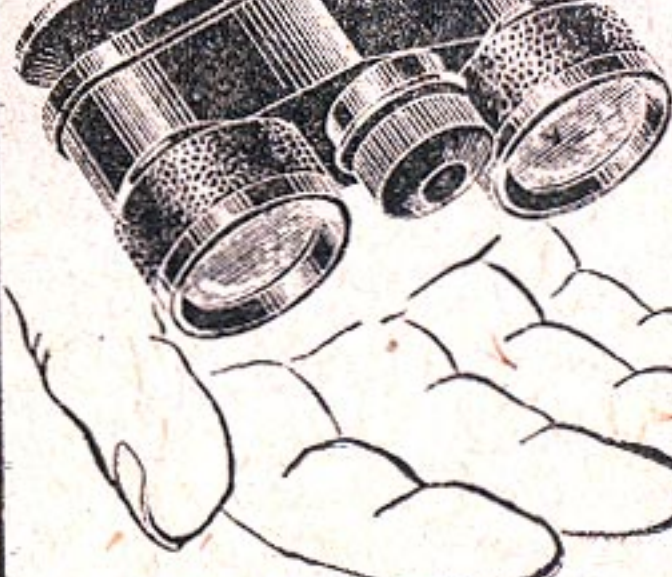
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SILK WARR earned his nickname because he was smooth—with smoothness he had planned the robbery of the Amalgamated Wholesale Jewelry Company, with smoothness he had directed the fierce raid of his three crime associates that netted a whole satchel full of priceless gems. And with smoothness he had managed to slip away from his partners, taking that satchel with him. Jumping into a car, he had taken the seashore road out of there. He intended to live a smooth and luxurious life on the profits, with no sharing thereof.

But apparently he had not been smooth enough. Tonight, as he left his hotel, satchel in hand, three figures closed in from three shadowy points on the dim street. His erstwhile partners had come to settle accounts with him.

Silk was brave enough when he had to be. He backed up to a wall, setting himself for defense. They rushed. He struck out with the heavy satchel, staggering one of them. But another dealt him a heavy blow on the head with a blackjack, and he fell to one knee.

"Finish the rat," he heard a harsh voice saying. "Finish him and grab that gripful of gaudies. Leave him so he'll never set anybody after us."

They were seizing him, trying to pull the satchel out of his frantic grip. An arm raised to deal him another blow. Then—

Someone else was rushing into the battle. Another of the gang? No, this dark figure seized the biggest of Silk's assailants, clamped on an arm-lock and whirled the fellow bodily through the air into a crashing fall. The one who was about to slug Silk turned to face this stranger. The stranger ducked the blow of the blackjack, and countered with a short, quick jab that sent the blackjack-wielder floundering in the gutter. The third ran off, yelling.

"Get up," said the stranger quickly. He looked tall and powerfully built. "They'll be after you again, with friends."

Silk was too grateful and relieved to be surprised. He got to his feet, still dragging the precious satchel and followed his rescuer down an alley.

Already the noise of pursuit rose behind them. As the stranger had predicted, Silk's three ex-partners

had help within call. There seemed to be five or six men following them.

"Mister," panted Silk, "I don't know how to thank you—"

"Don't thank me, save your breath," was the stern reply. "Head out along that pier."

They ran along a board-paved expanse, toward the sound of the beating ocean. Back from the alley flashed streaks of flame, and the night was ripped by the sound of gunfire. A bullet sang past Silk's head. The stranger had drawn a gun and was firing in reply.

"There they are!" bawled one of the enemy. "I see 'em on that pier. Toss a pineapple!"

Something whizzed in the air and struck the planks at Silk's very feet. Lightning-swift, the stranger stooped, caught up the bomb and hurled it back the way it had come. His other arm seized Silk and hurled him flat. There was a deafening explosion.

"They're charging," whispered the stranger. "Climb down the pile here."

Silk obeyed, but he was hampered by the satchel. Slipping, he splashed in. He could not swim—he sank. But then he was being dragged upward to the surface. The stranger had dived after him.

As their heads rose into the air again, they heard a commotion—shots, a struggle, an official-sounding voice thundering orders. Then quiet, and then departing feet.

"The cops," gurgled Silk. "Those shots brought 'em. My ex-pals are being arrested. Now we can get out."

"Let me help you." Competently the stranger hoisted him back on the pier. Silk set down the satchel.

"Now I can say it," said Silk. "I thank you from the bottom of my heart for rescuing me. They'd have killed me."

"I know," said the other. "And orders from police headquarters were to bring you in alive."

"You're a cop yourself!" cried Silk.

"Sure. Why else did I risk my life to save you?" An iron grip fastened on Silk's wrist. "Pick up that satchel. Bring it along. You've got about ten years of regrets to serve in the penitentiary."

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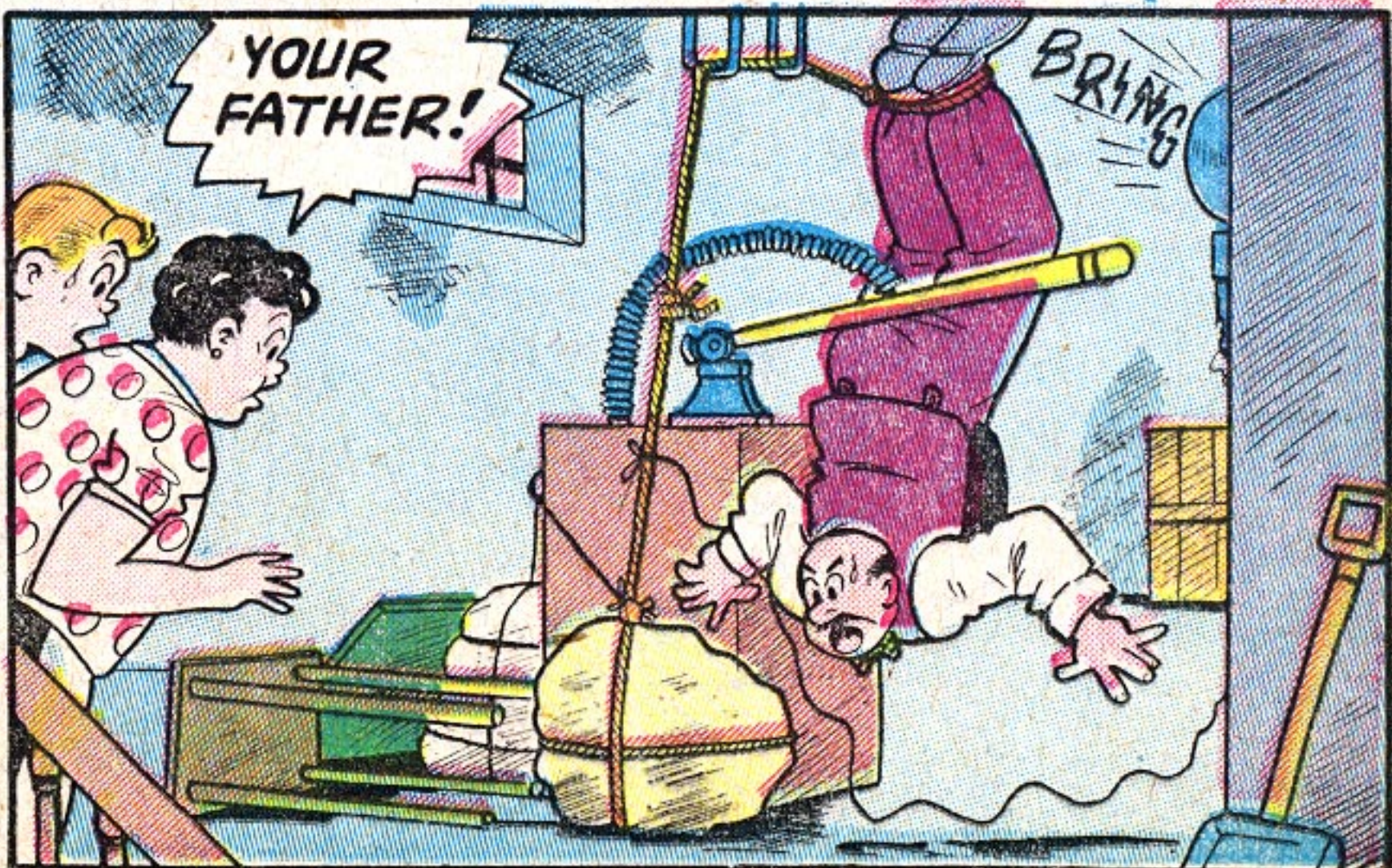
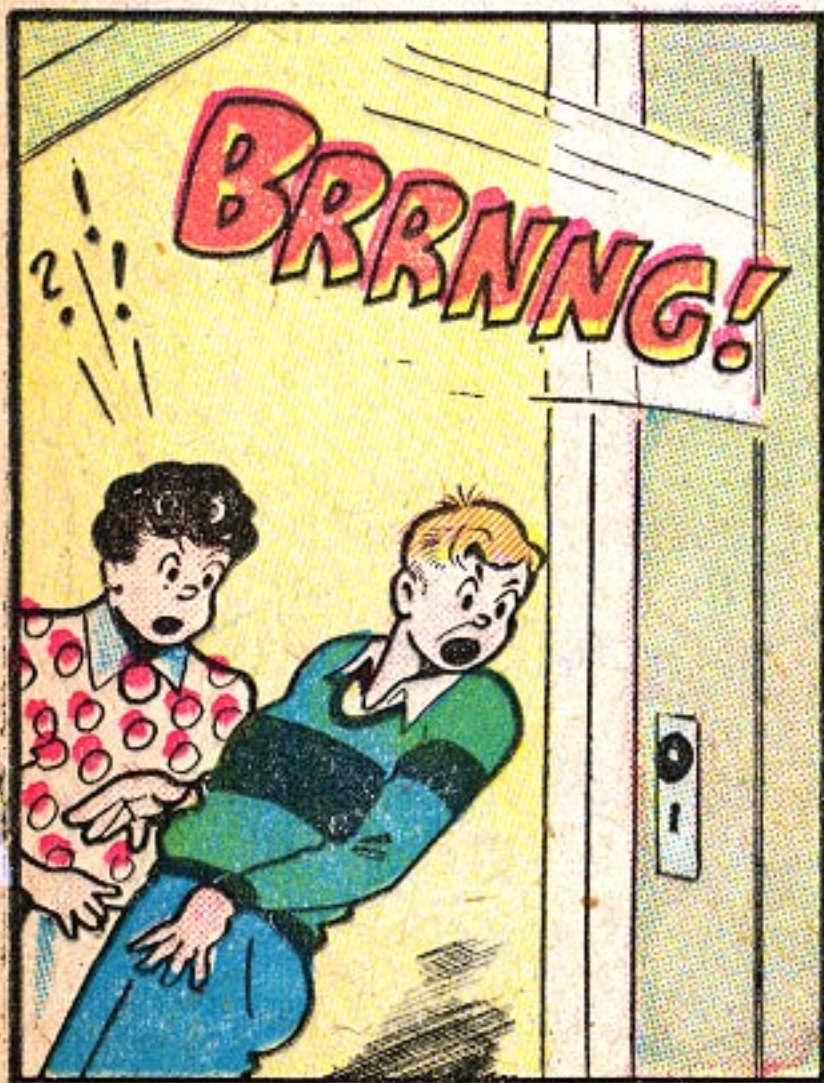
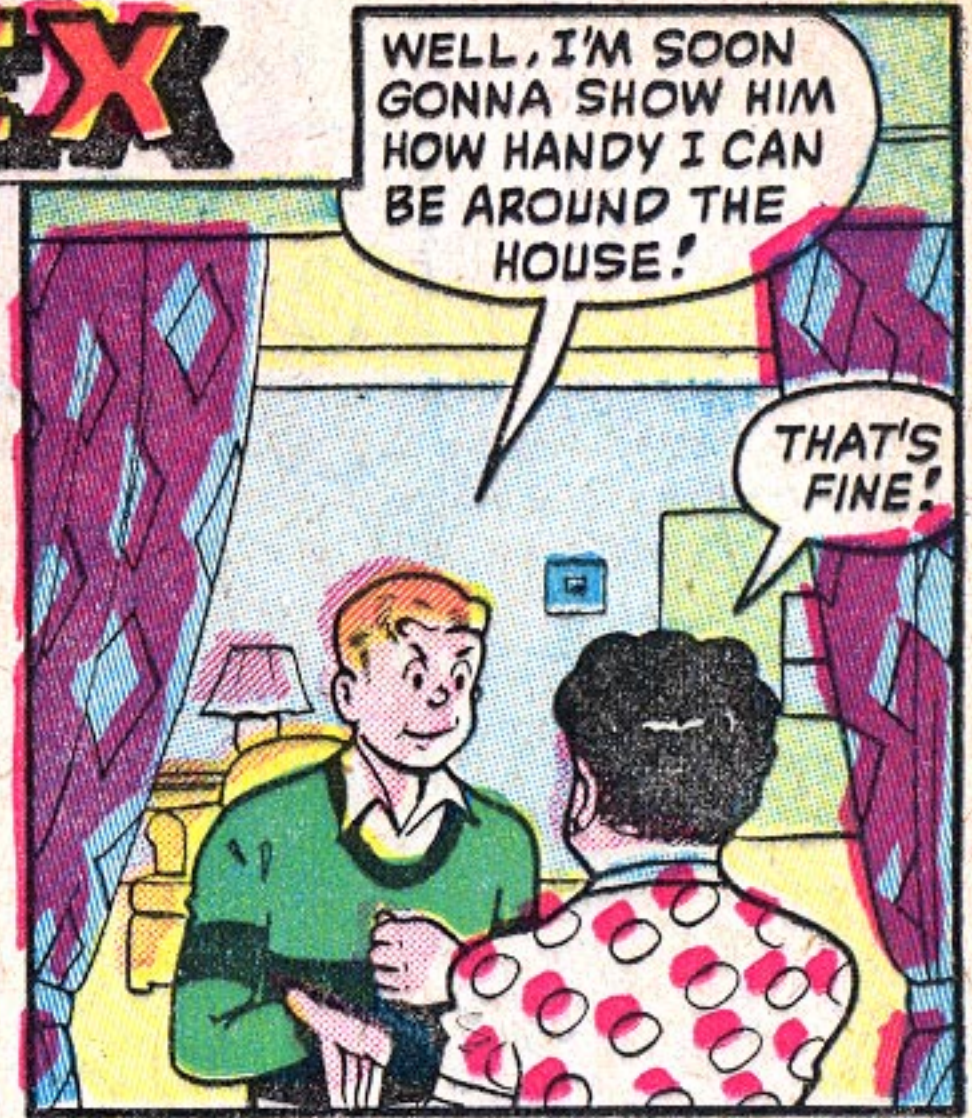
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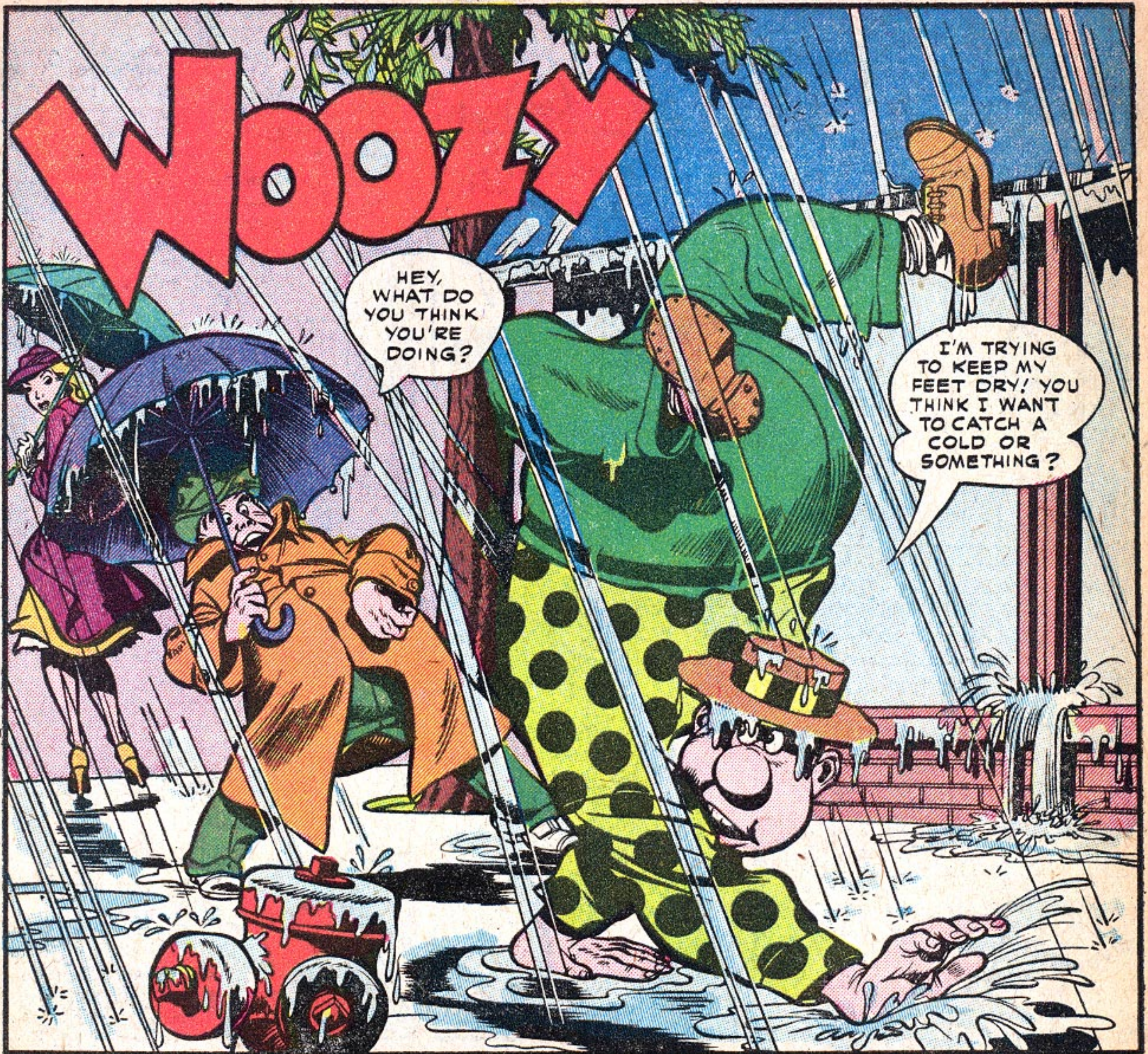
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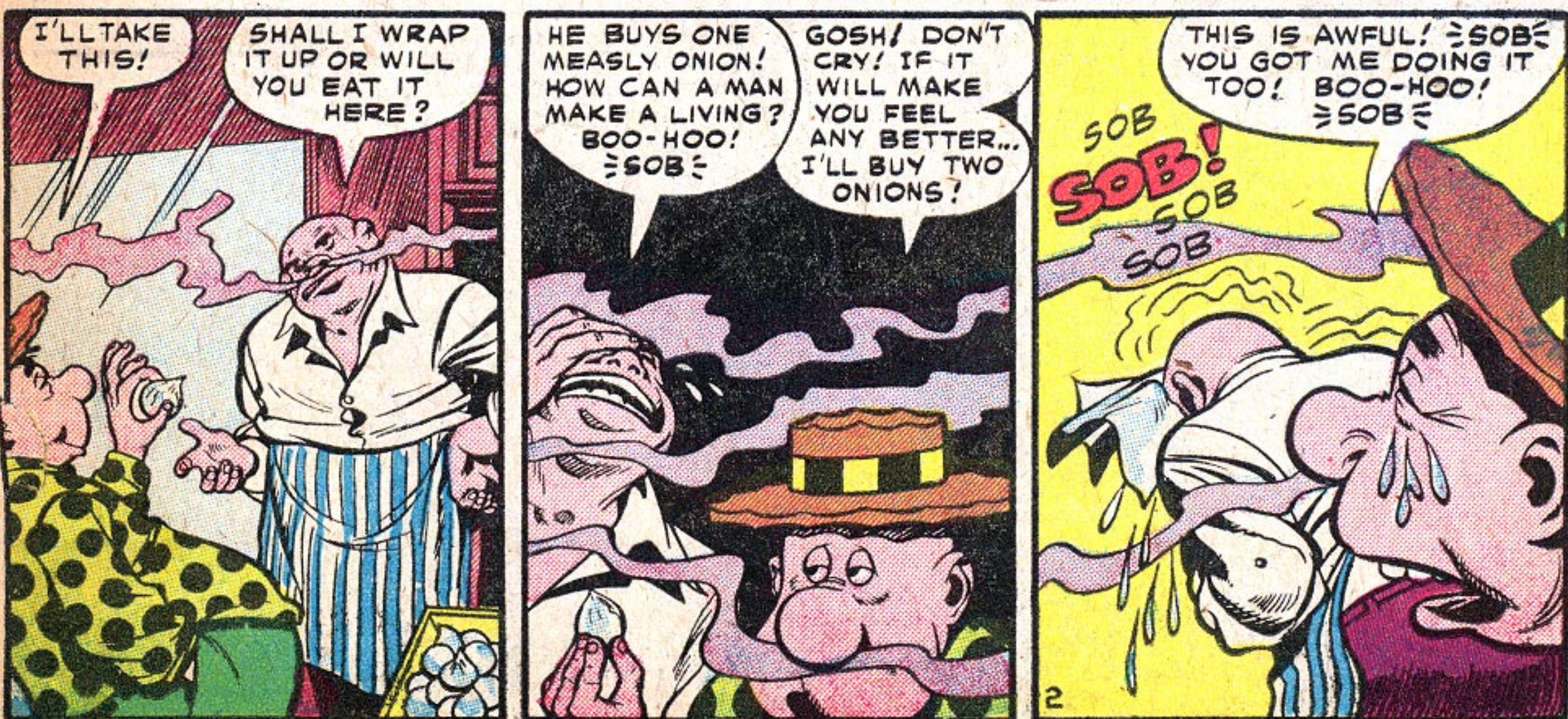
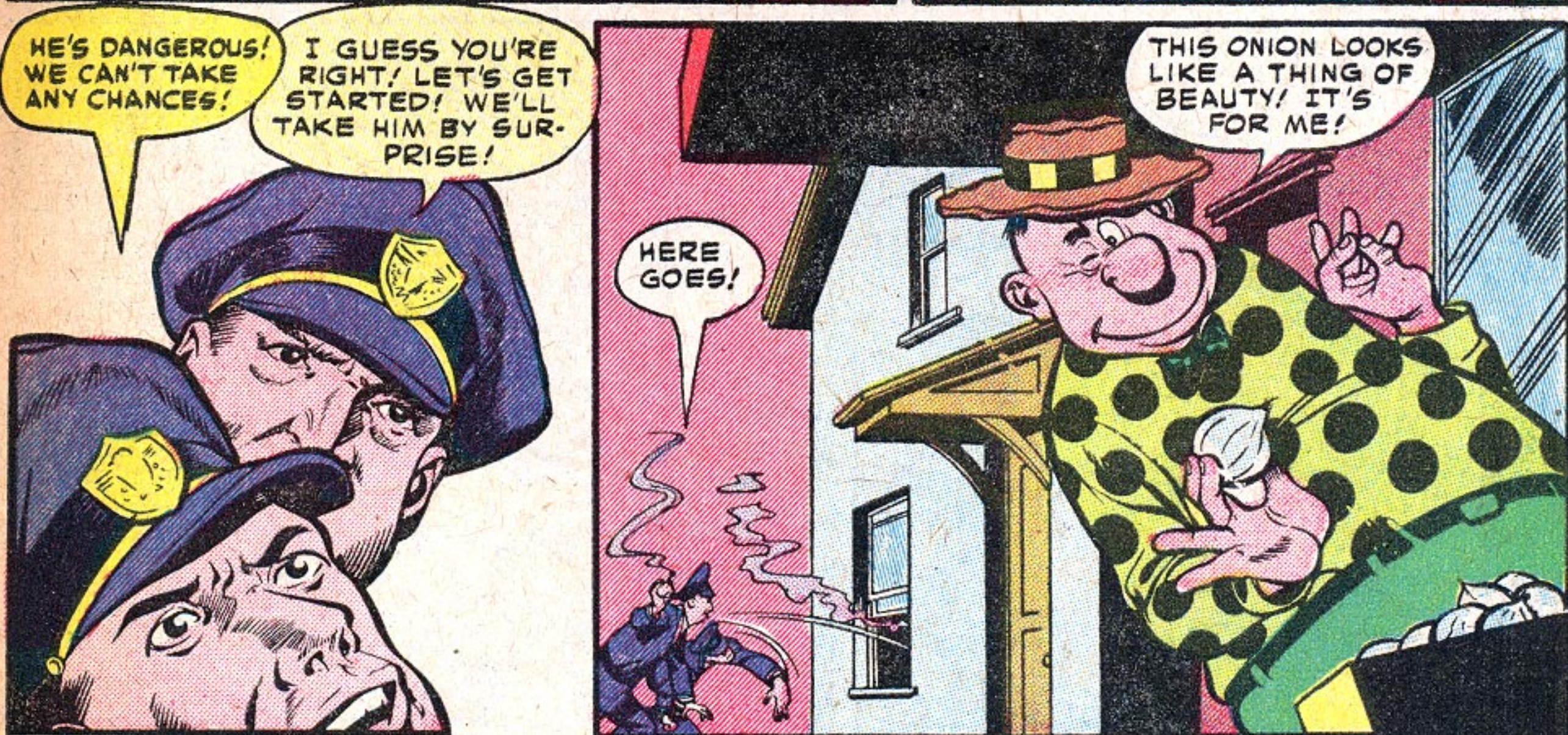
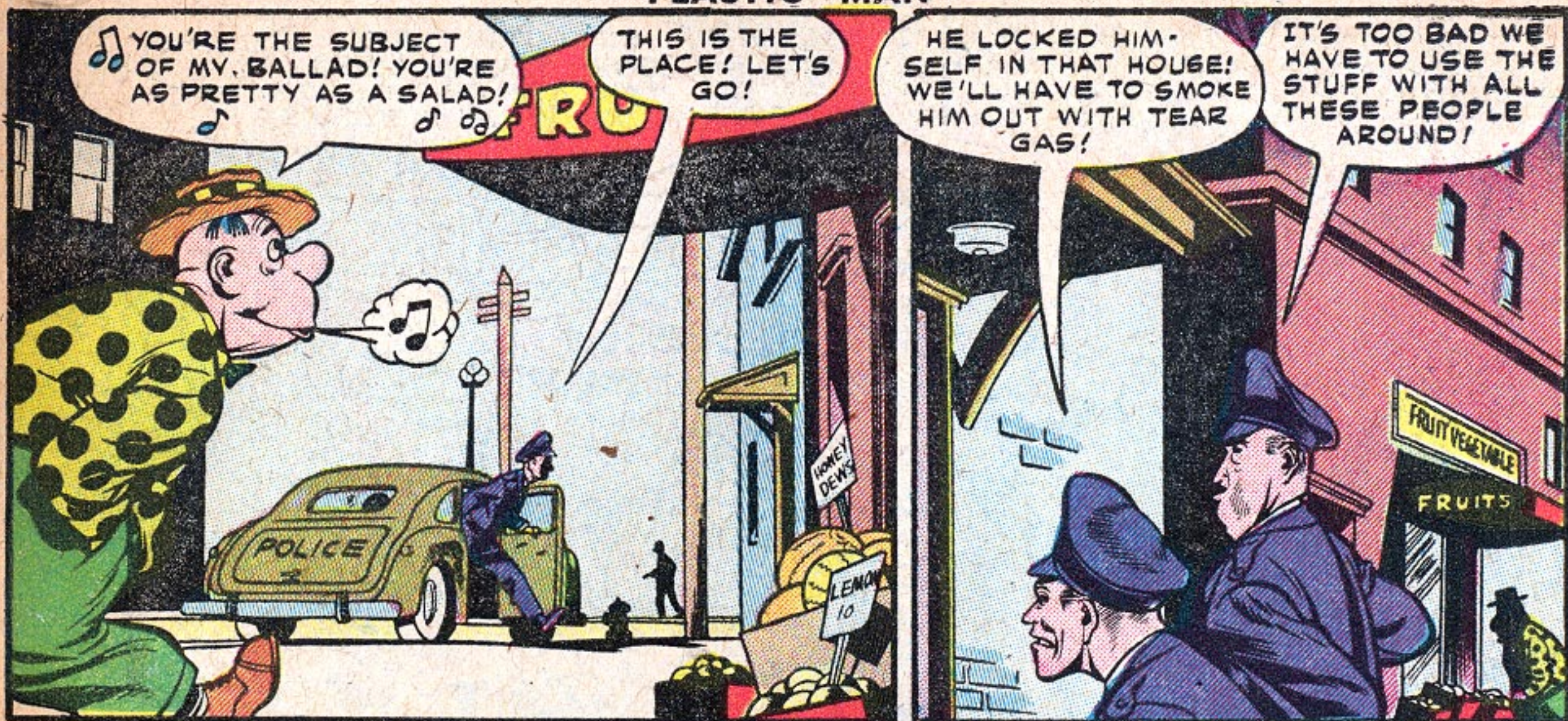


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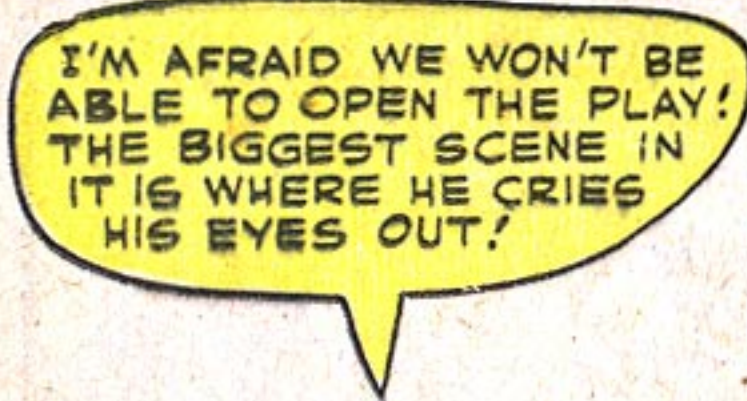
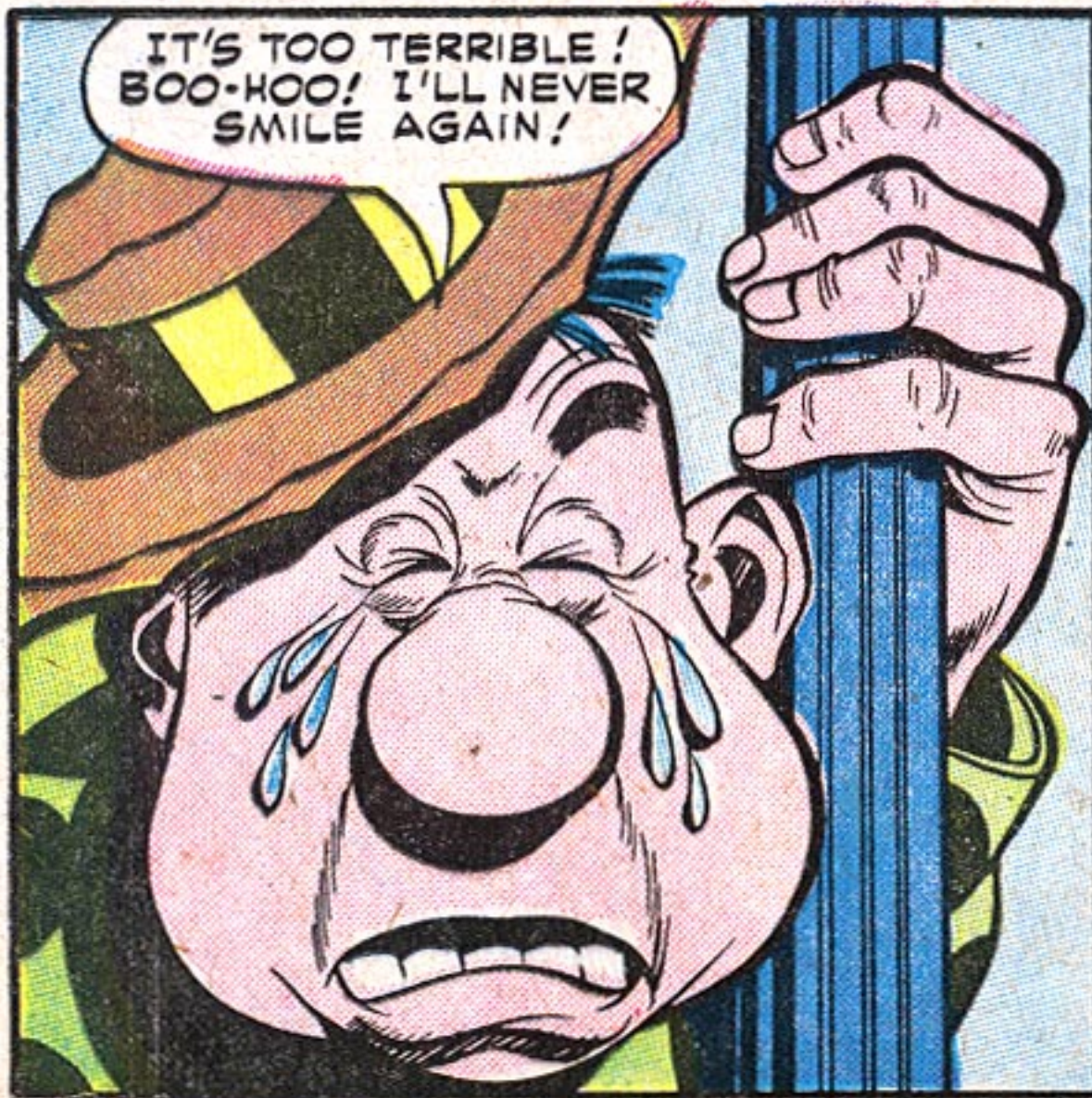




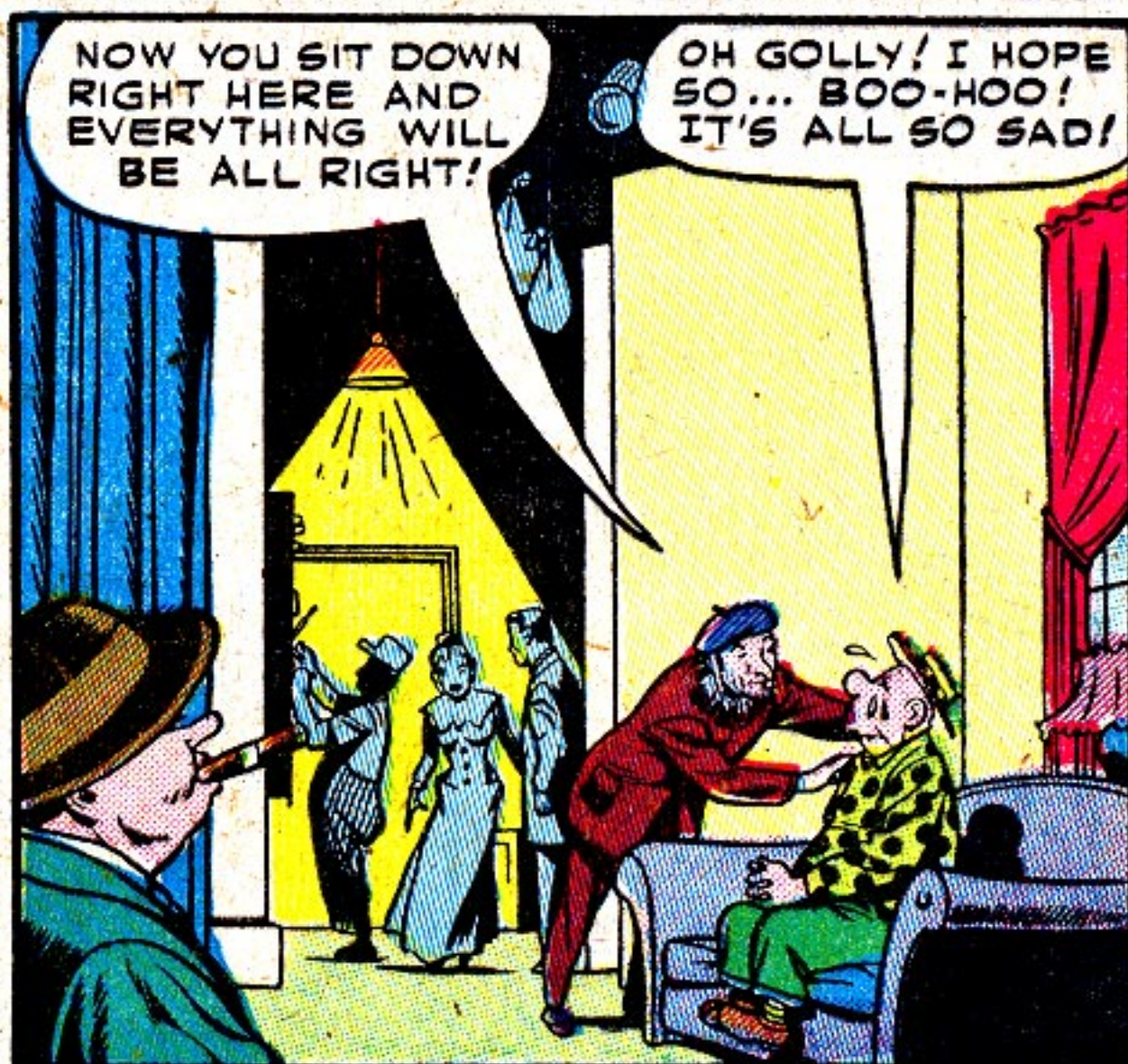
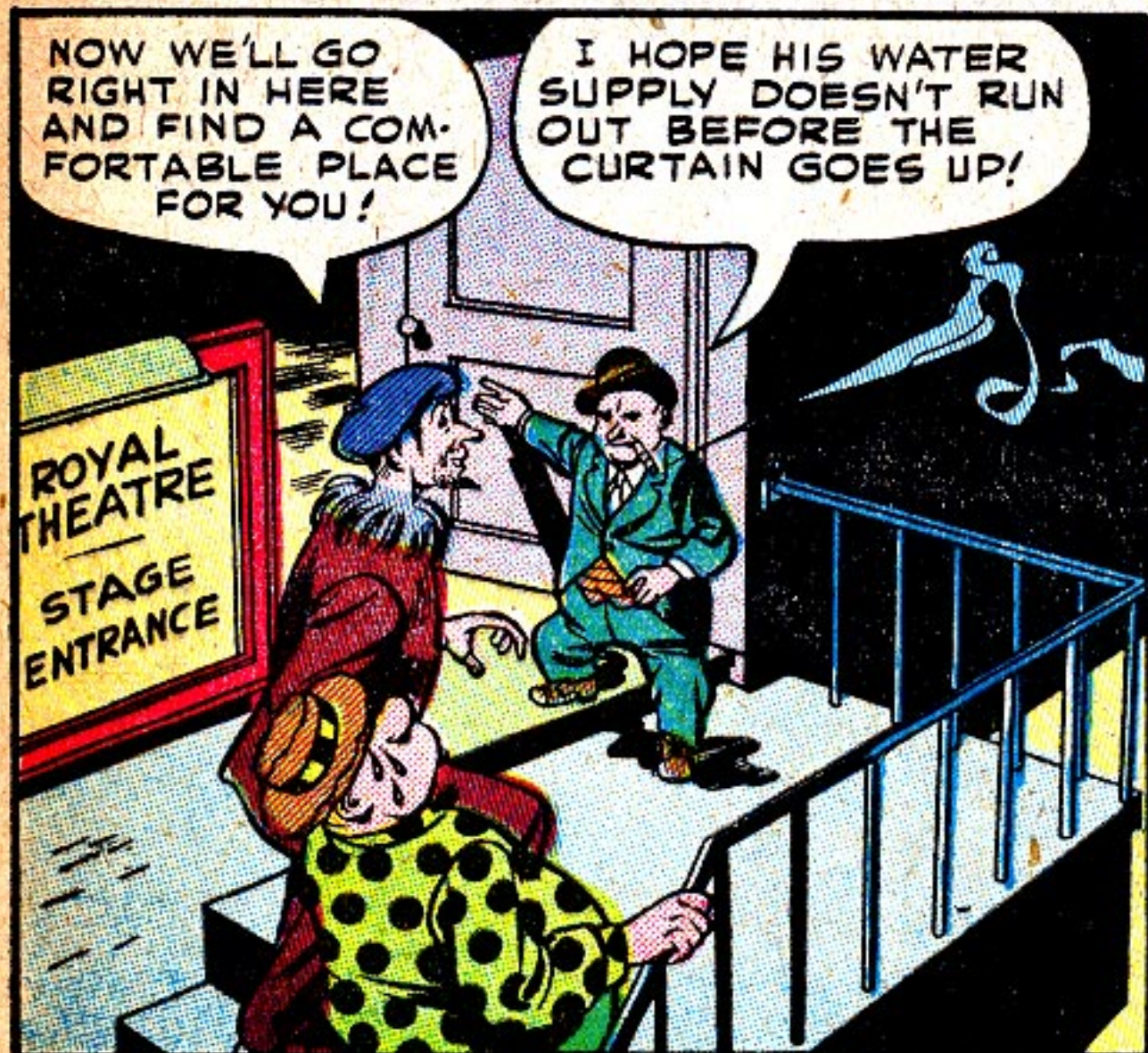
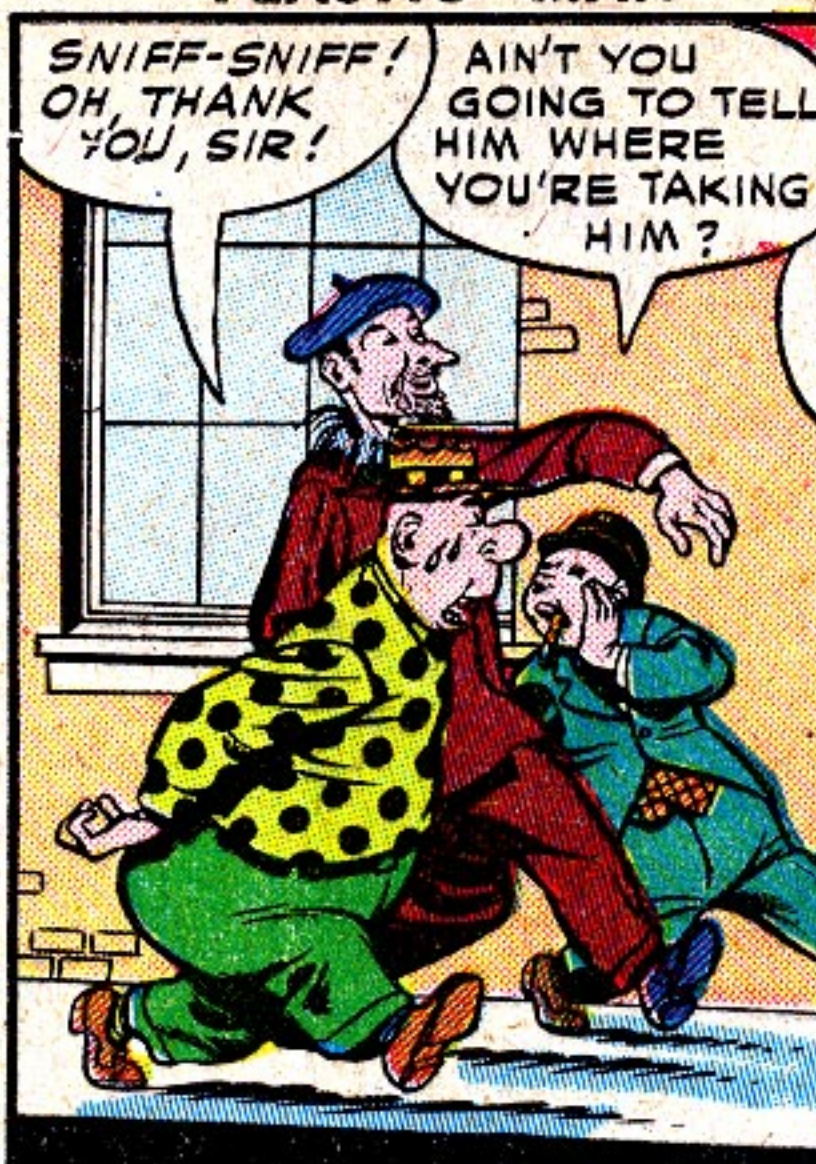
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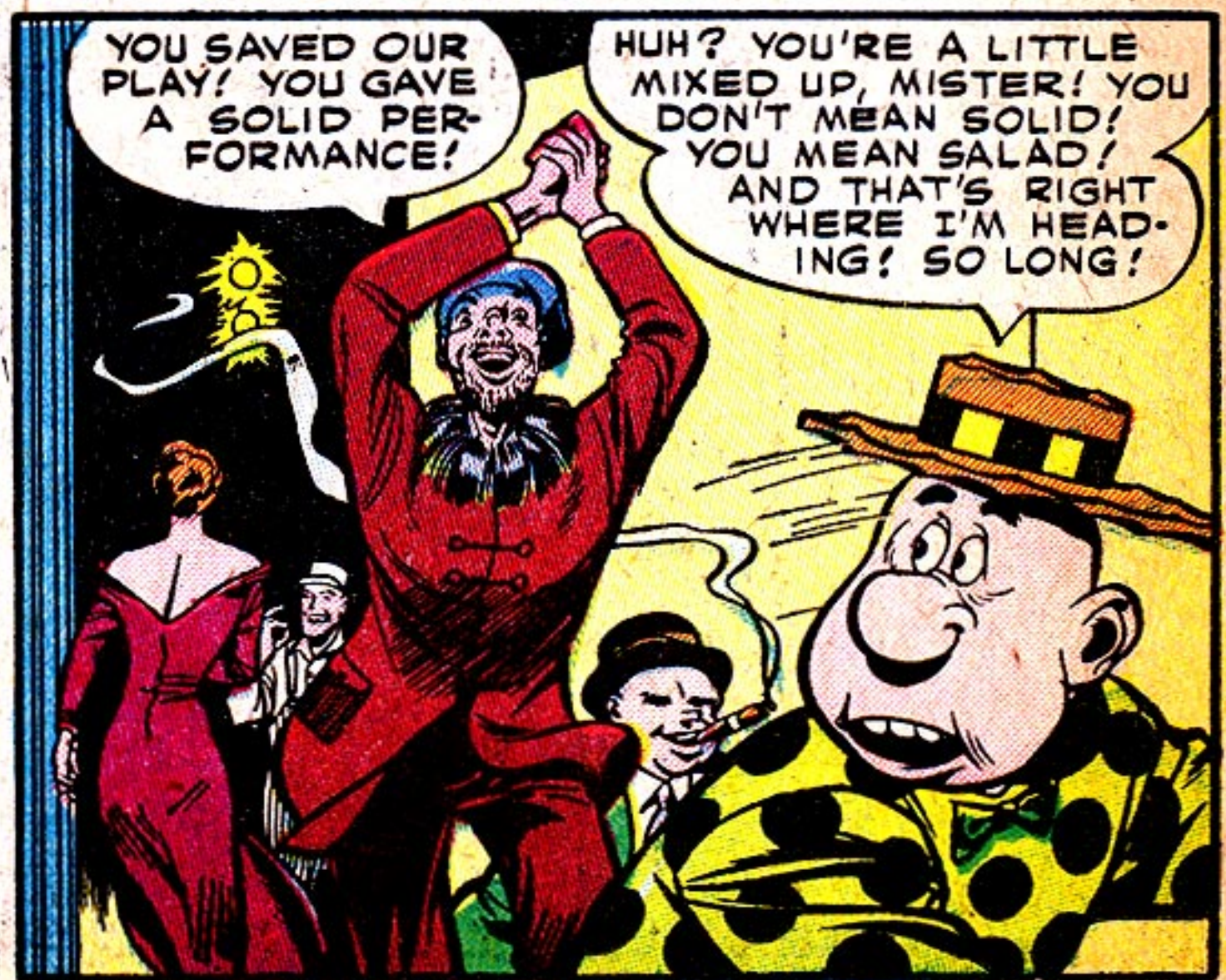
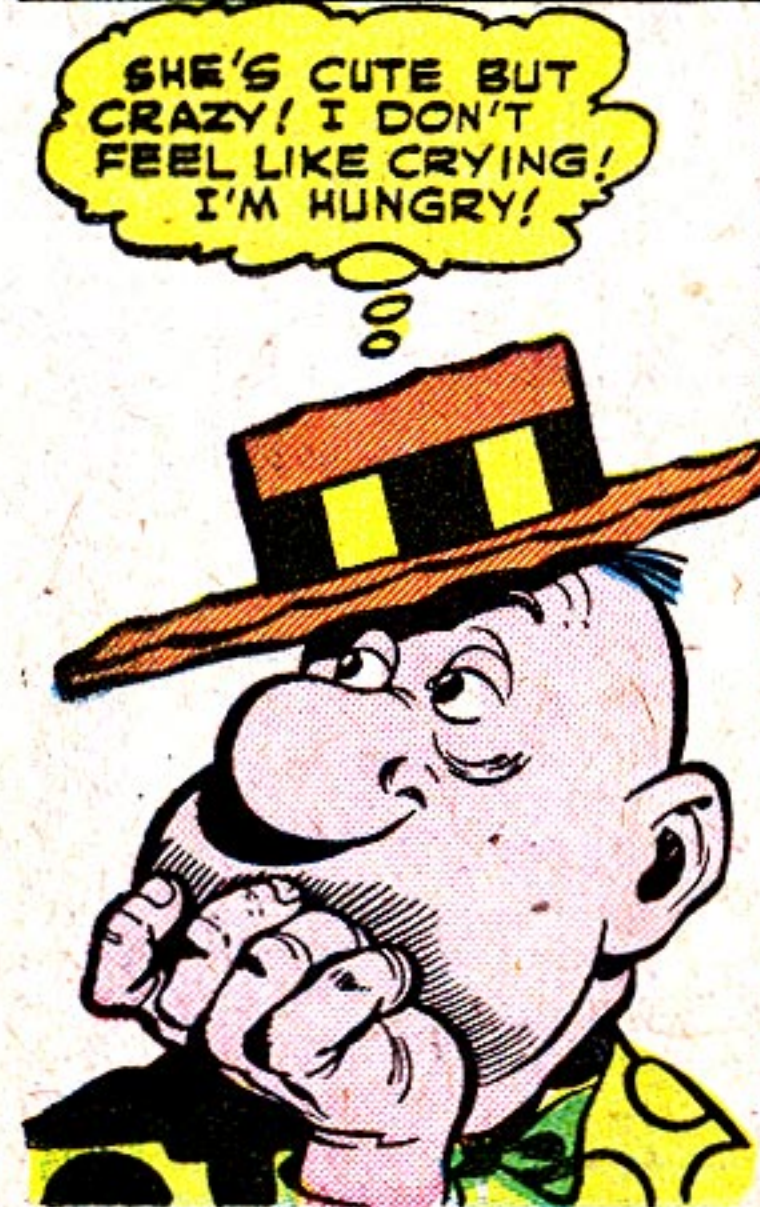
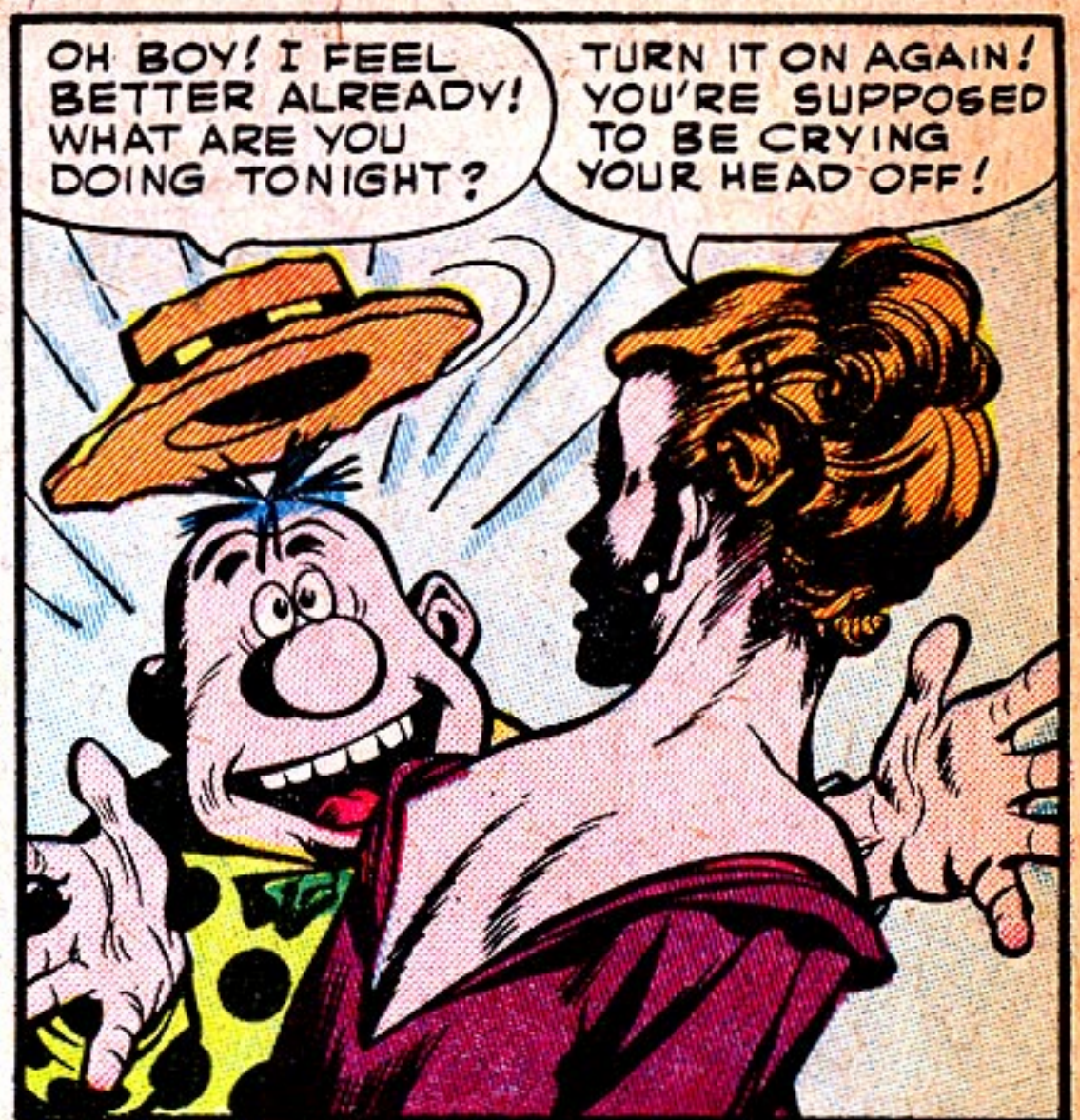
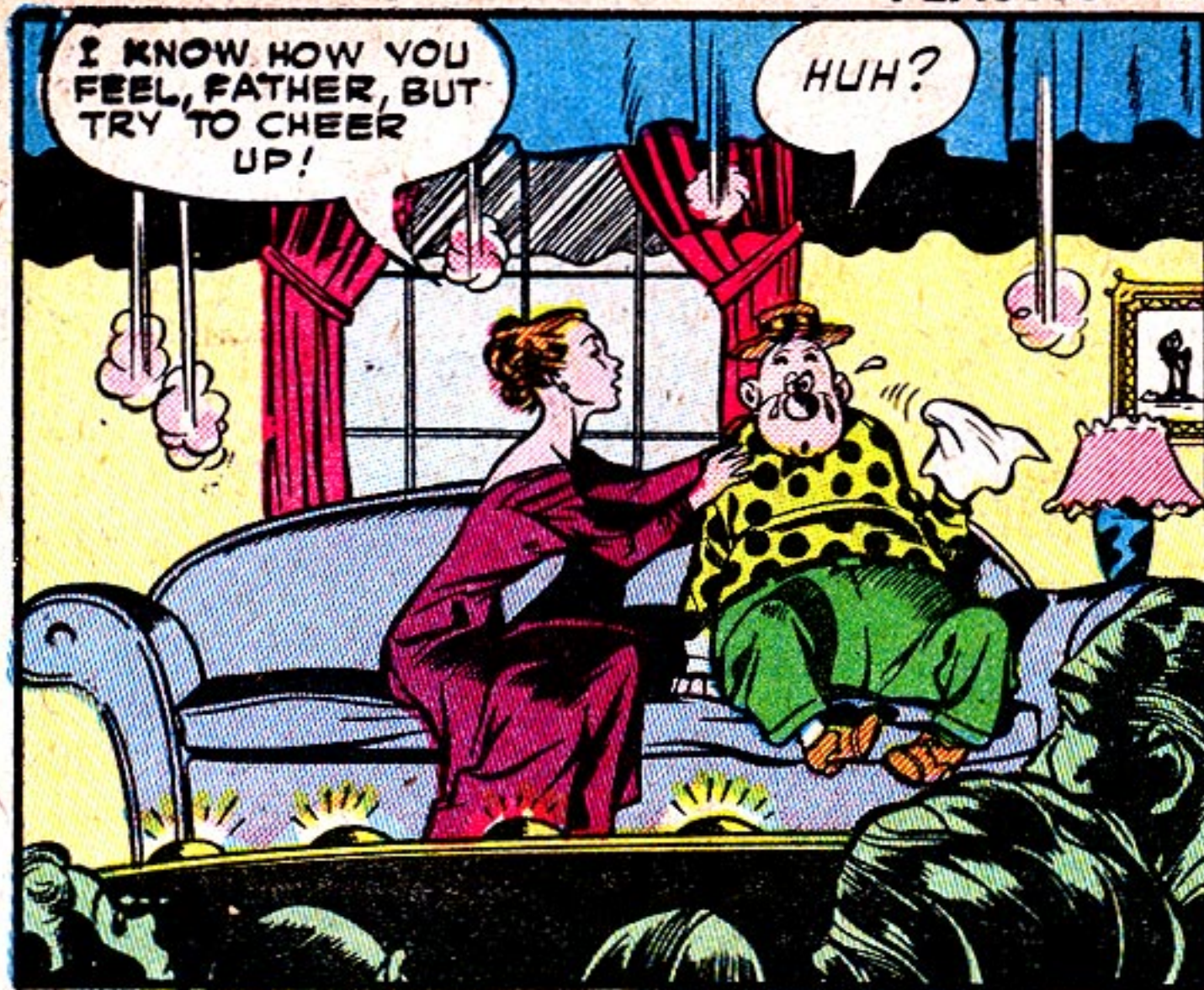
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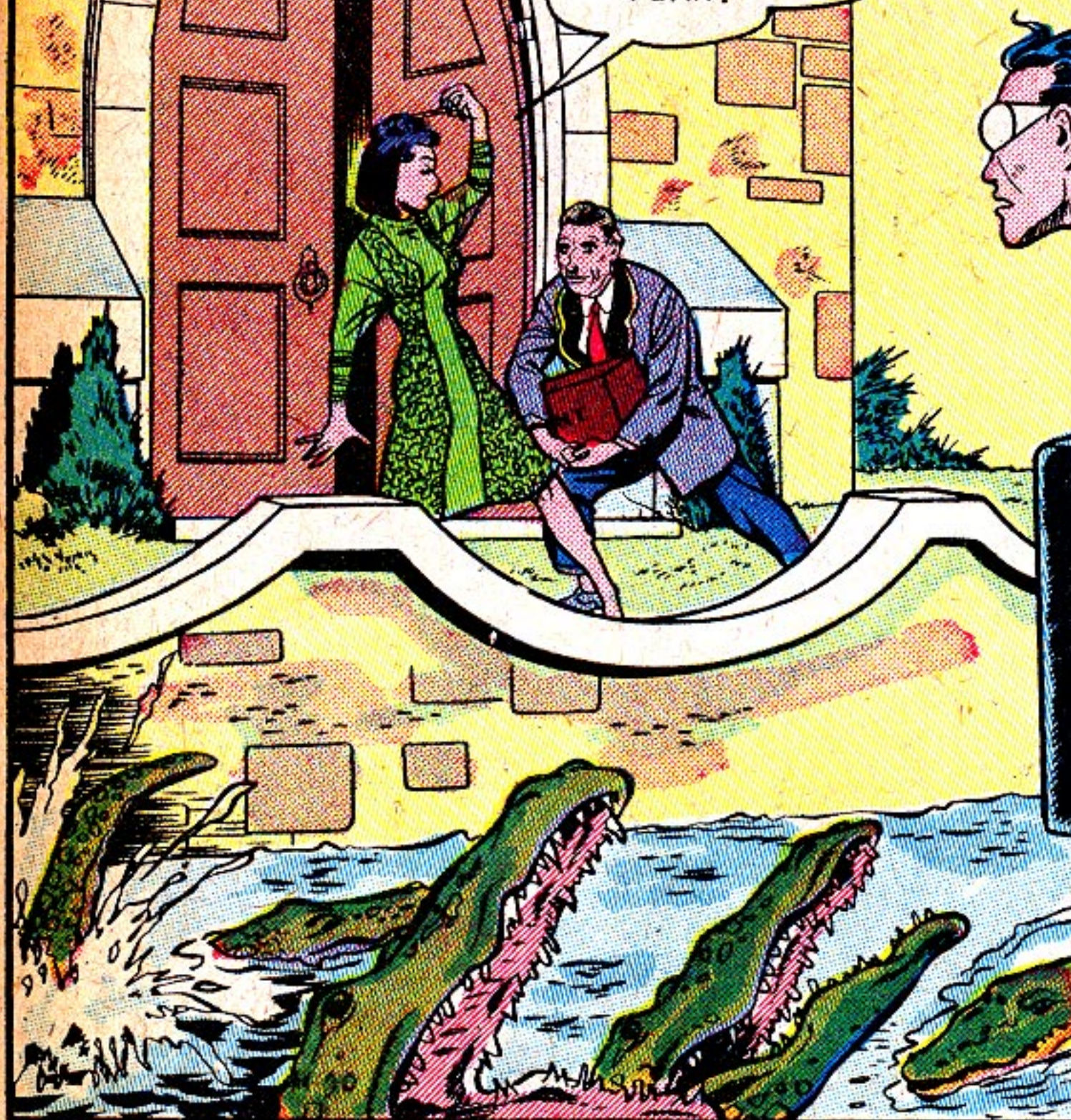
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READY THE EXPLOSIVES! WE MUST MOVE QUICKLY BEFORE ANYONE SUSPECTS OUR PLAN!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT SHE'S UP TO, WOODY... BUT WE'VE GOT TO GET OVER THERE AND FIND OUT!



WHO IS THE BEAUTEOUS DAZZLA? FROM WHAT STRANGE AND SINISTER PLACE HAS SHE COME? AND WHAT DARK DEED IS SHE PLANNING IN THE SECRECY OF HER ISOLATED MANSION? PLASTIC MAN, CHAMPION OF THE F.B.I. AND WOODY WINKS, HIS HELPLESS HELPER, RISK THEIR LIVES TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS WHEN THEY FOLLOW THE TRAIL OF...
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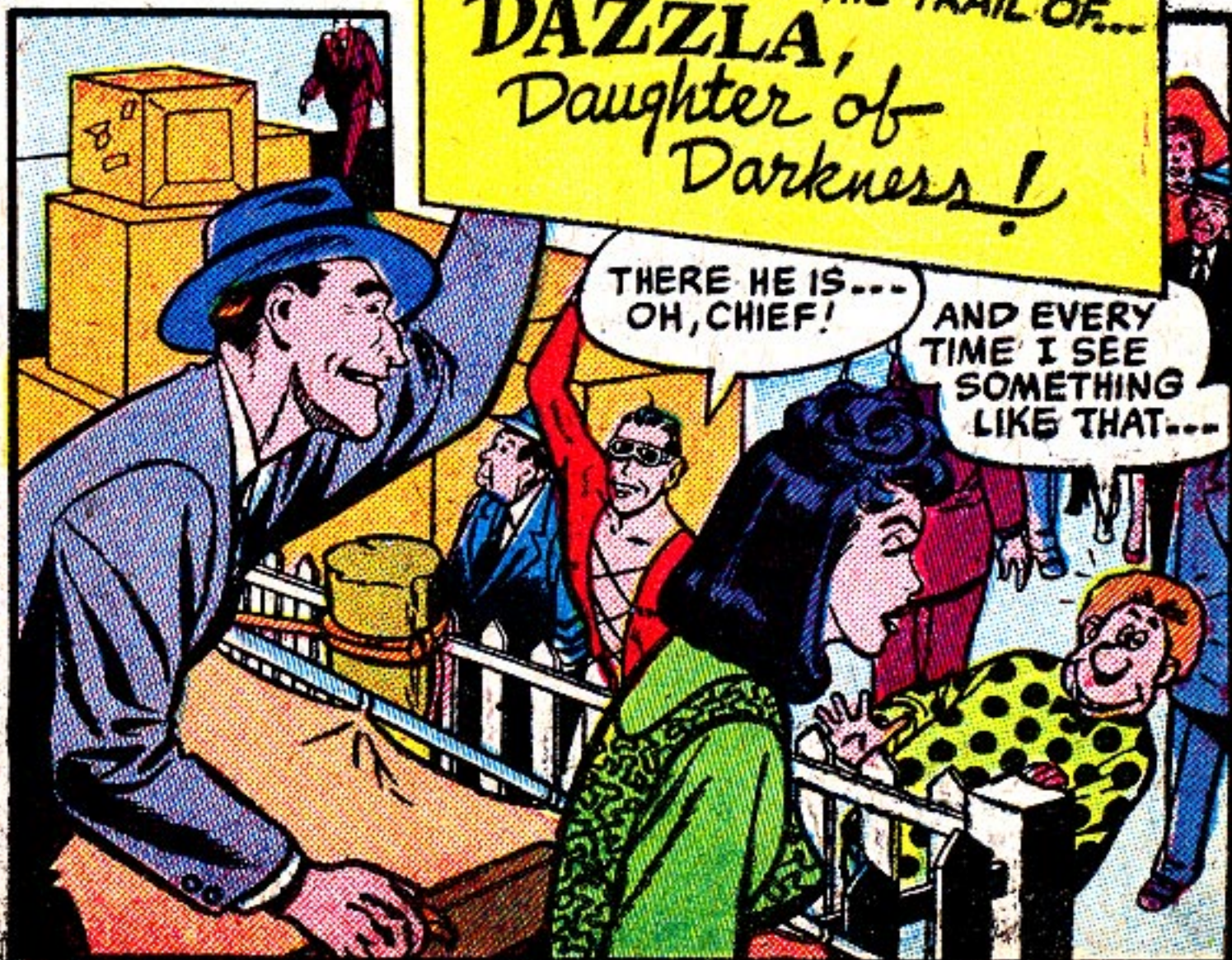
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GOSH, EVERY TIME I SEE A BOAT... I GET AN ITCH TO TRAVEL!

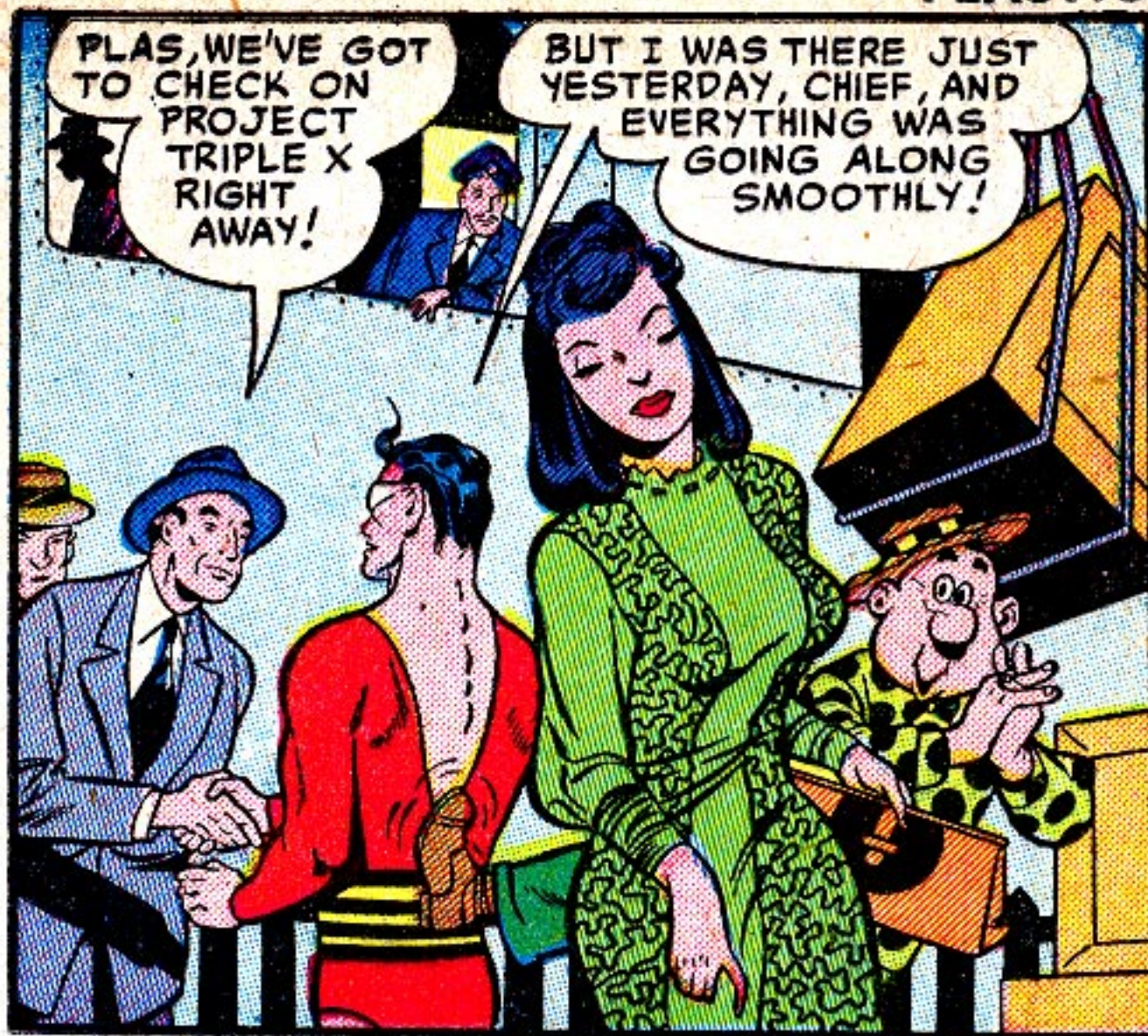


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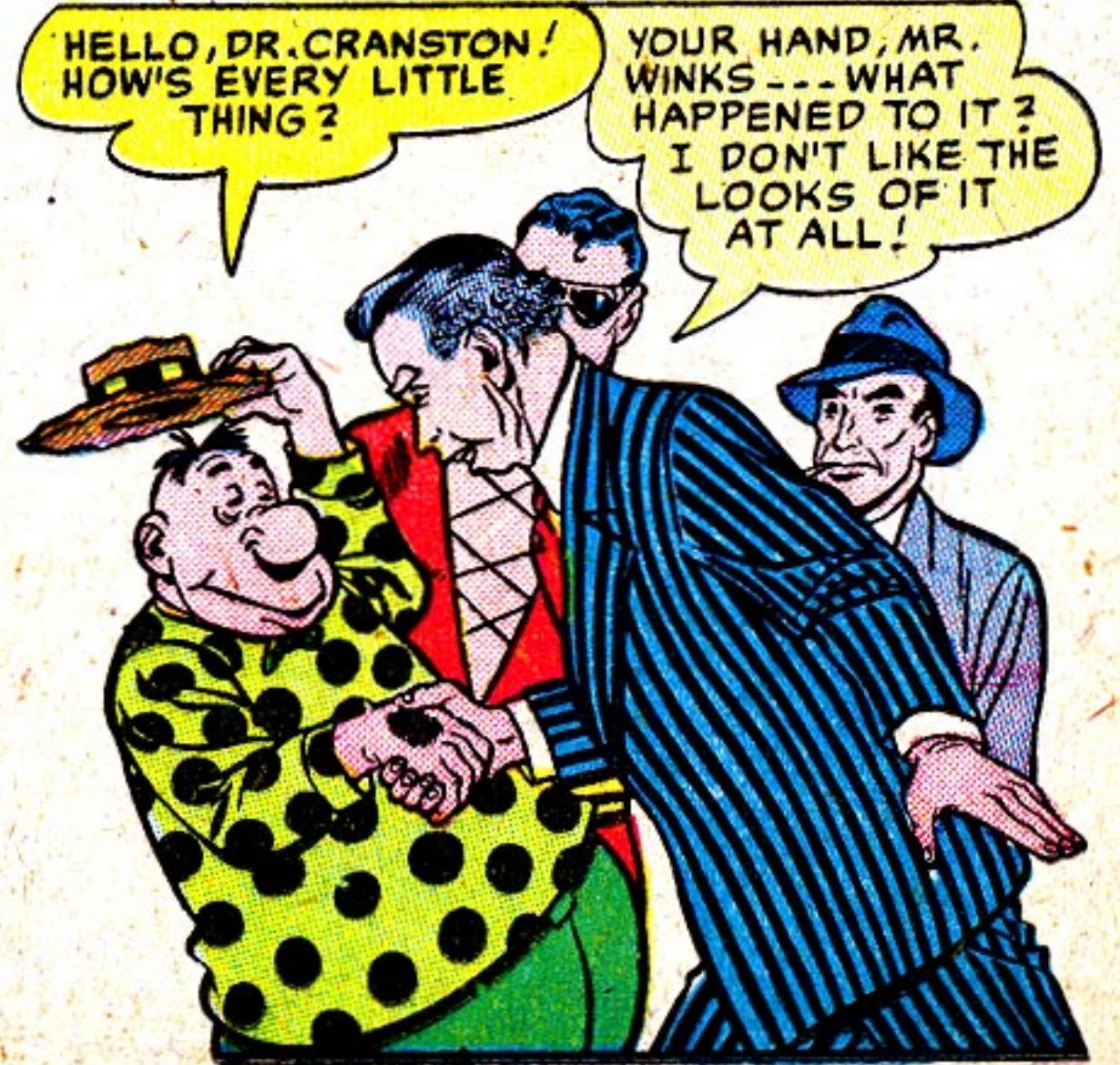
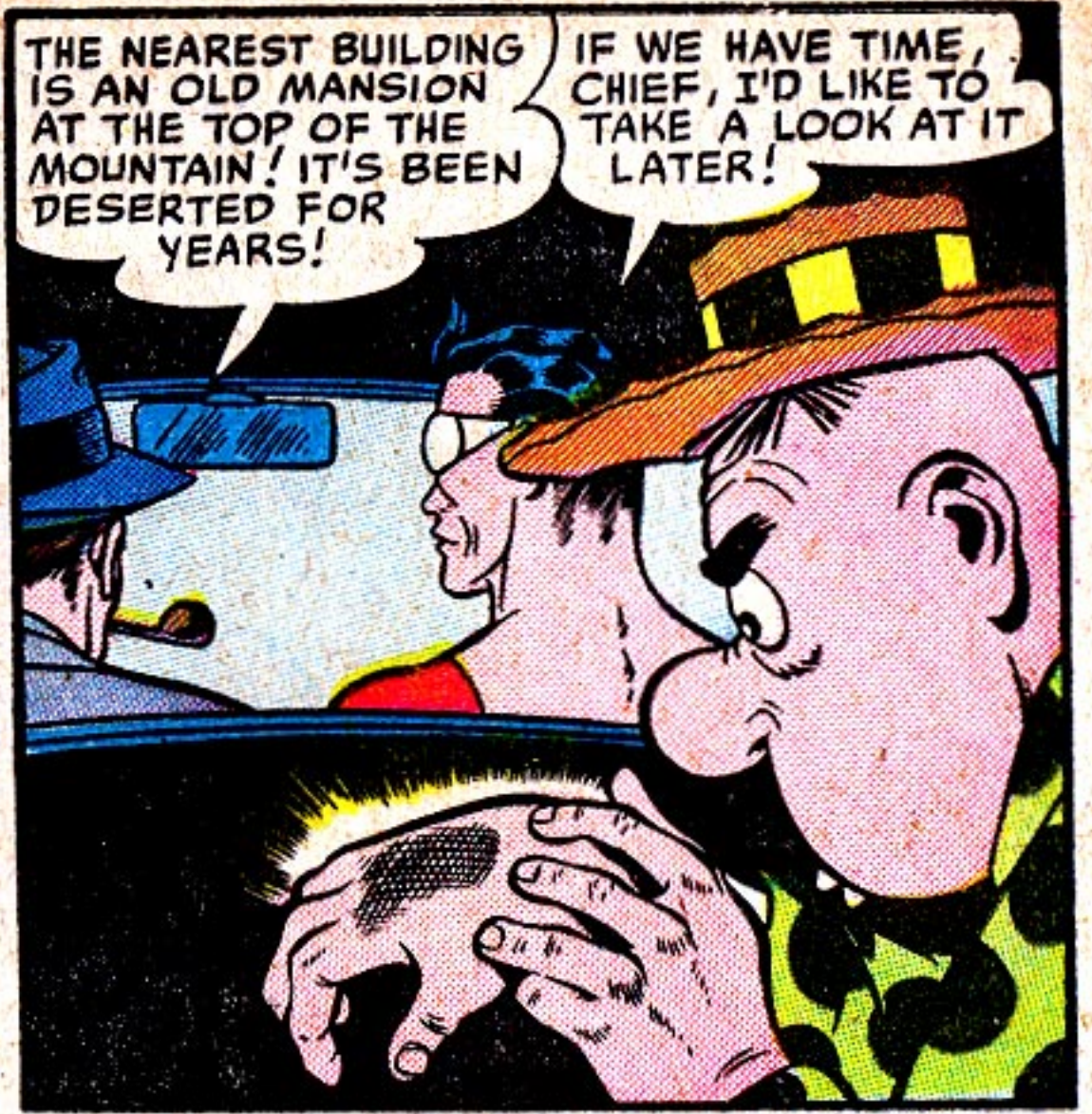
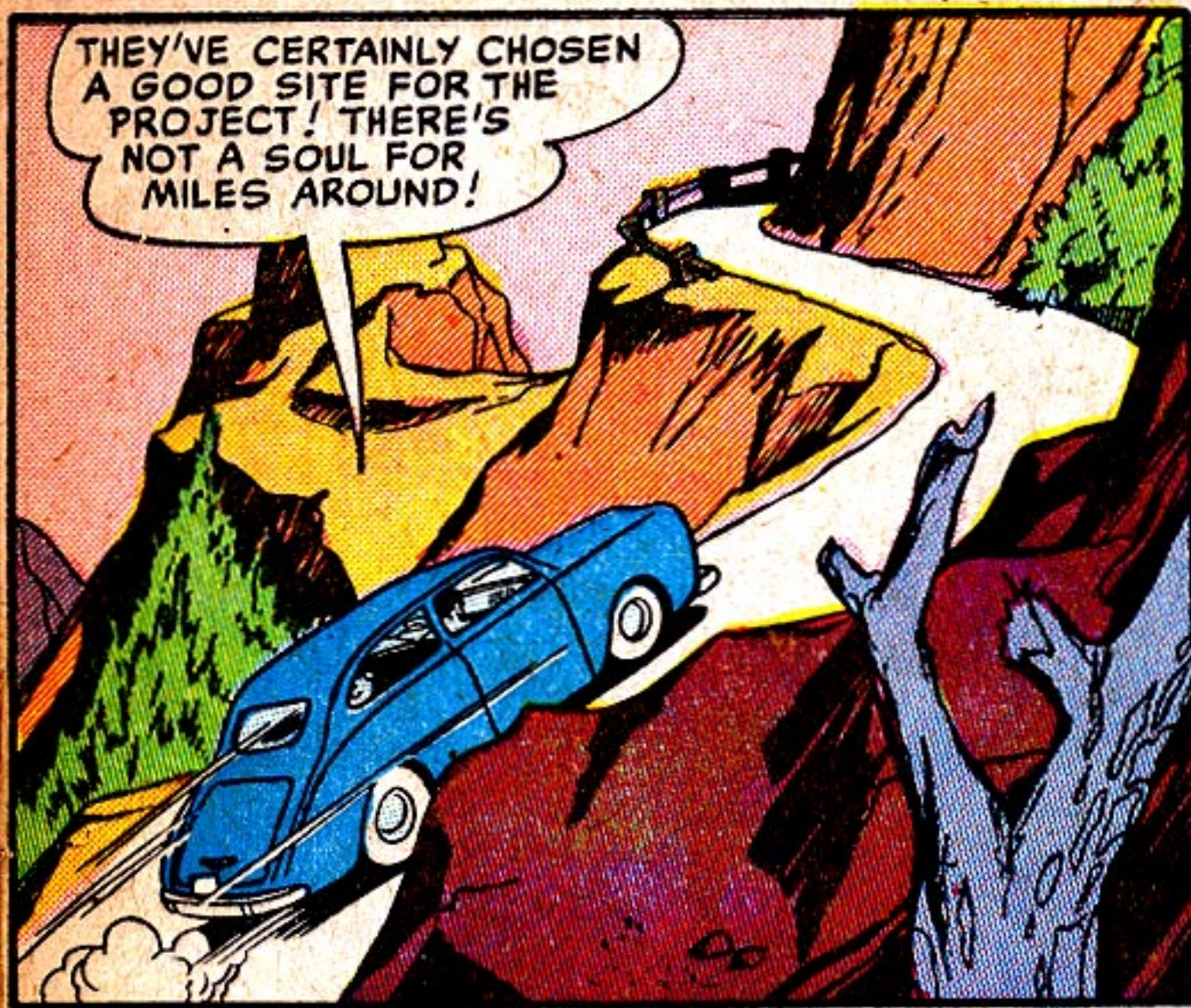
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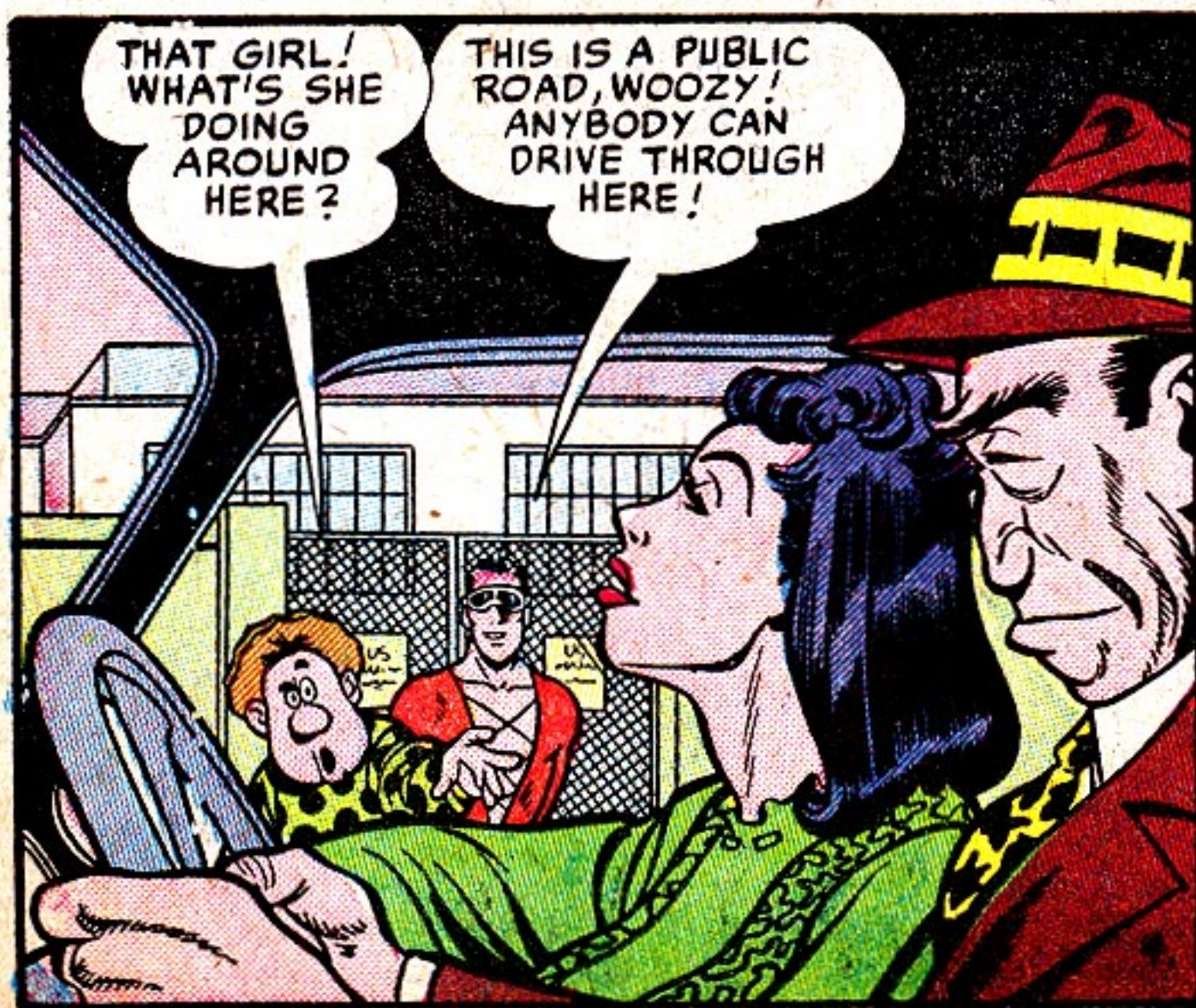
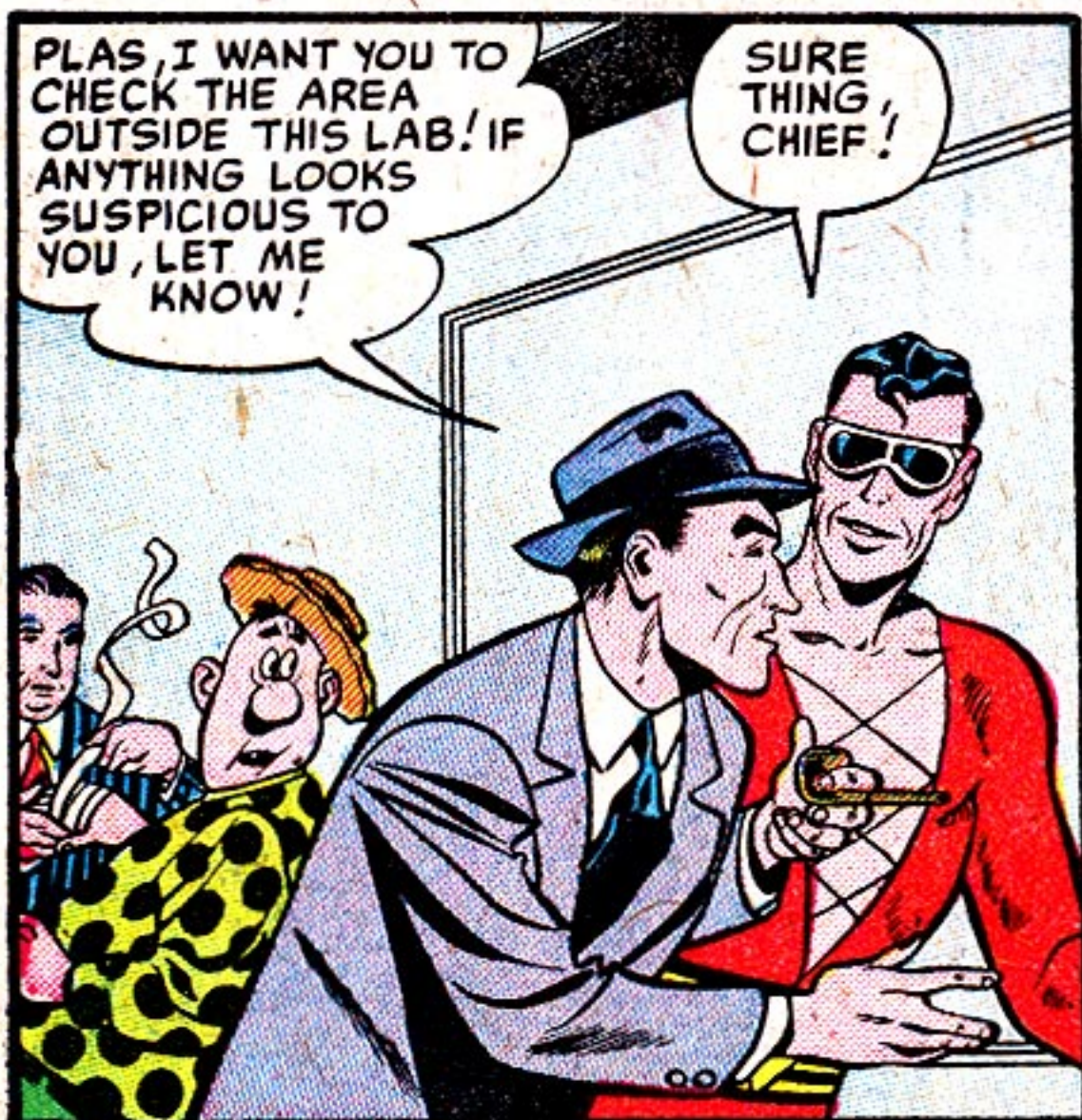
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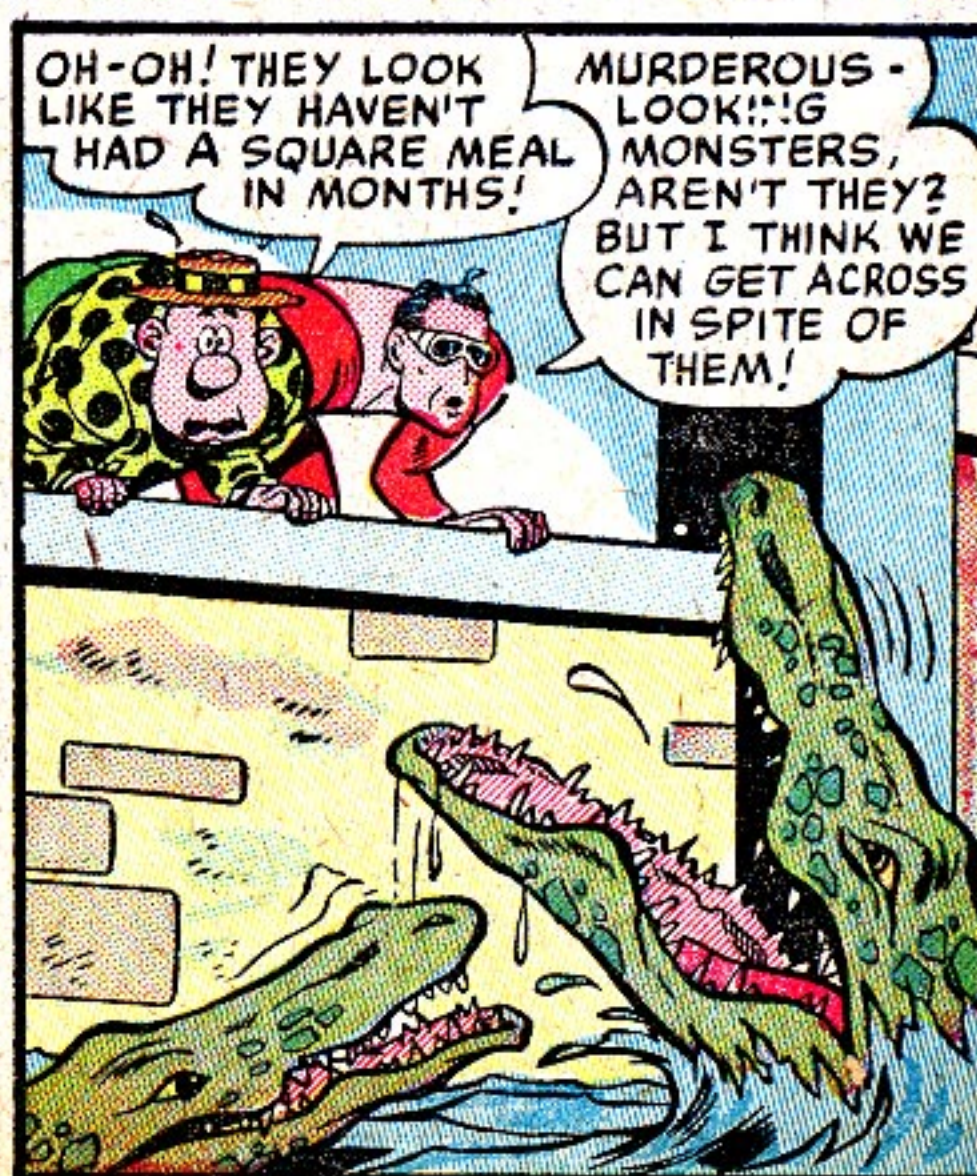
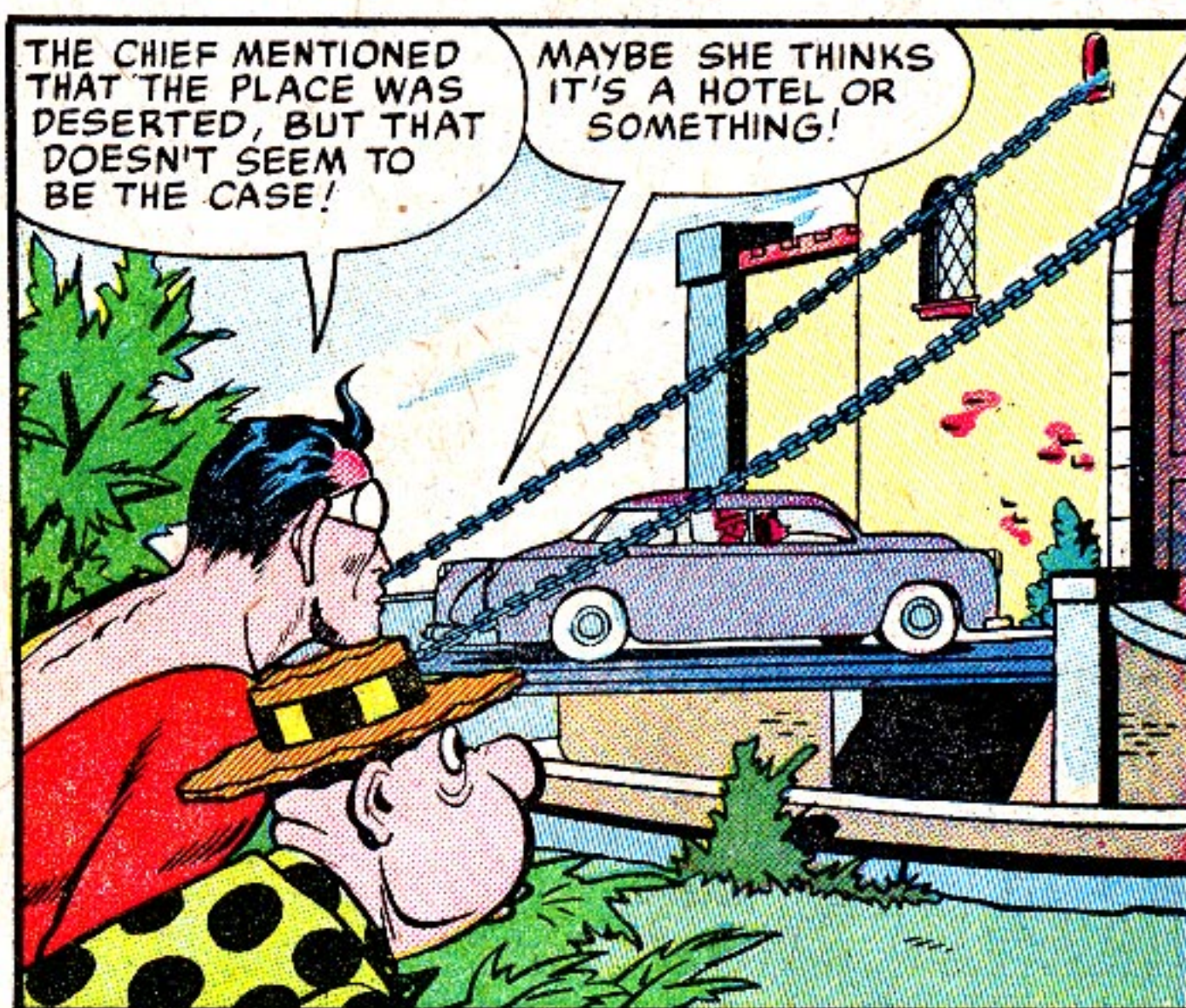
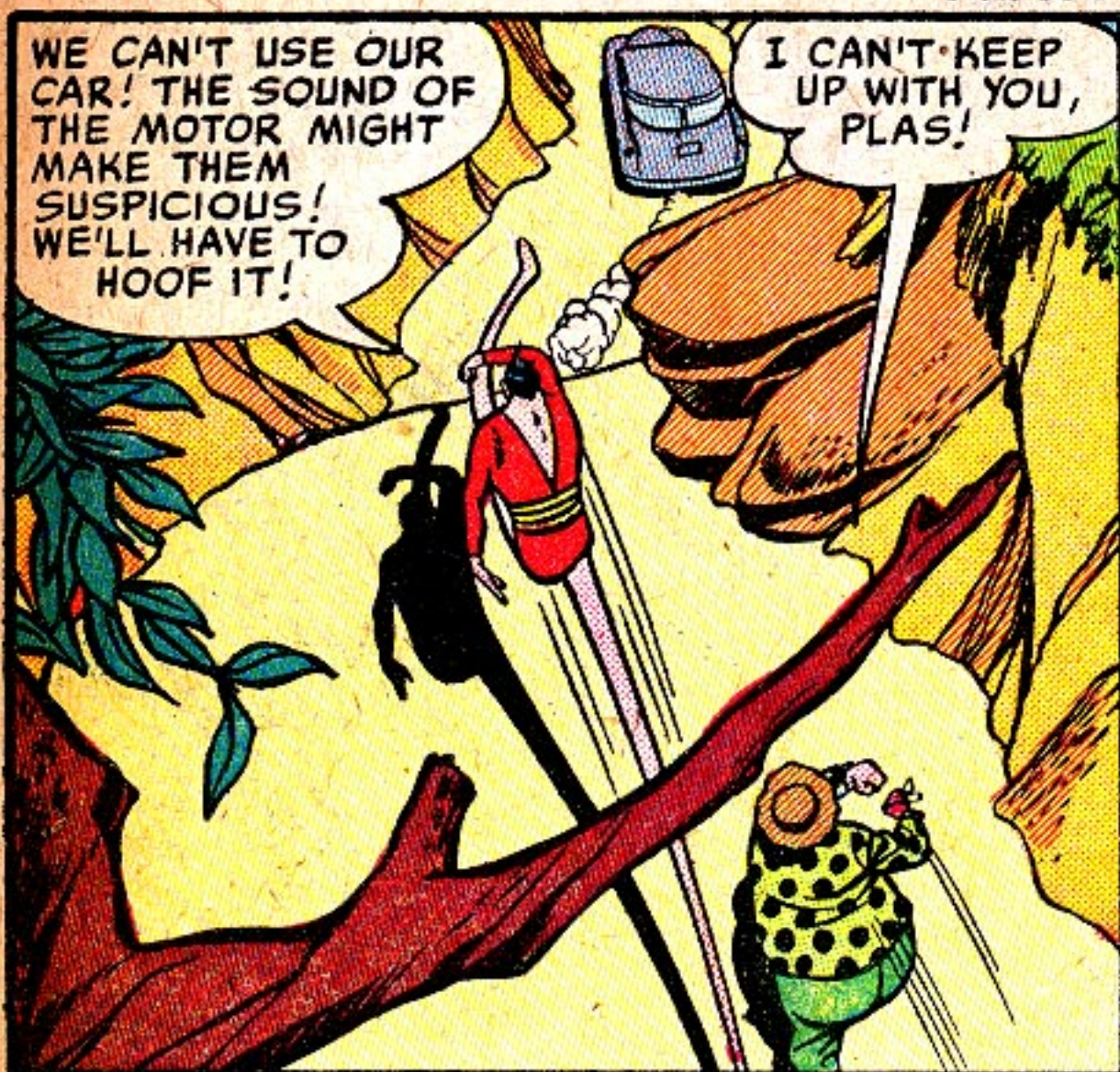
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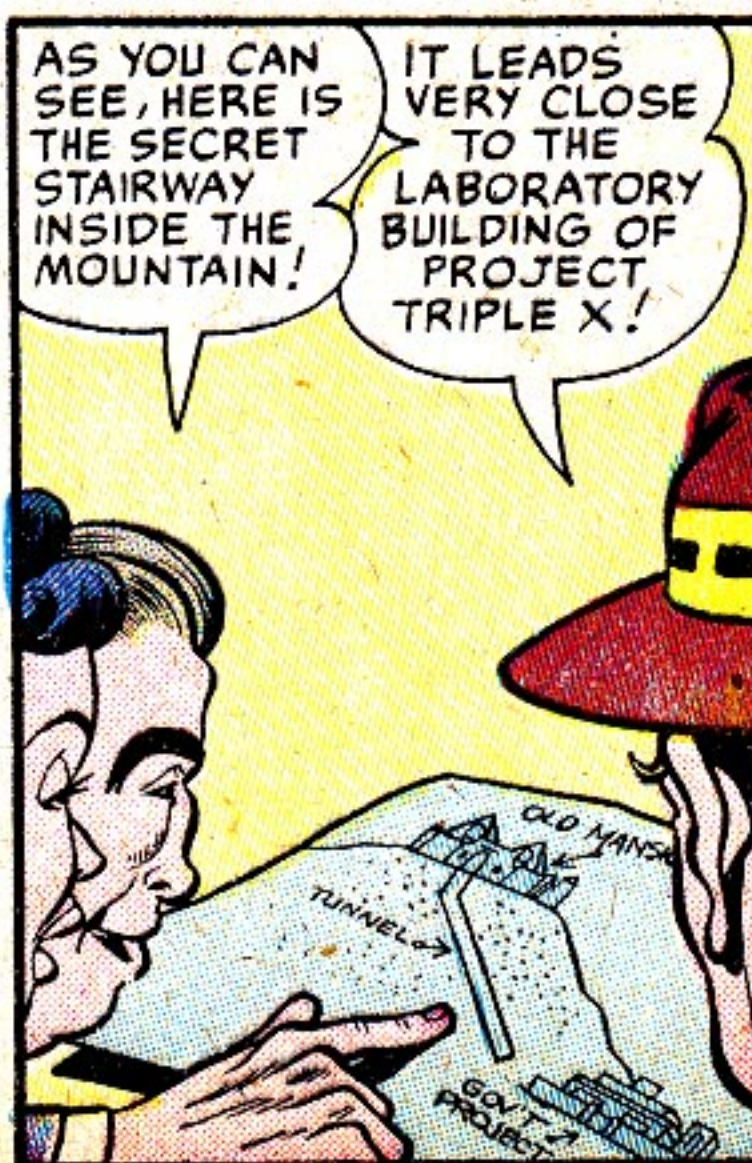
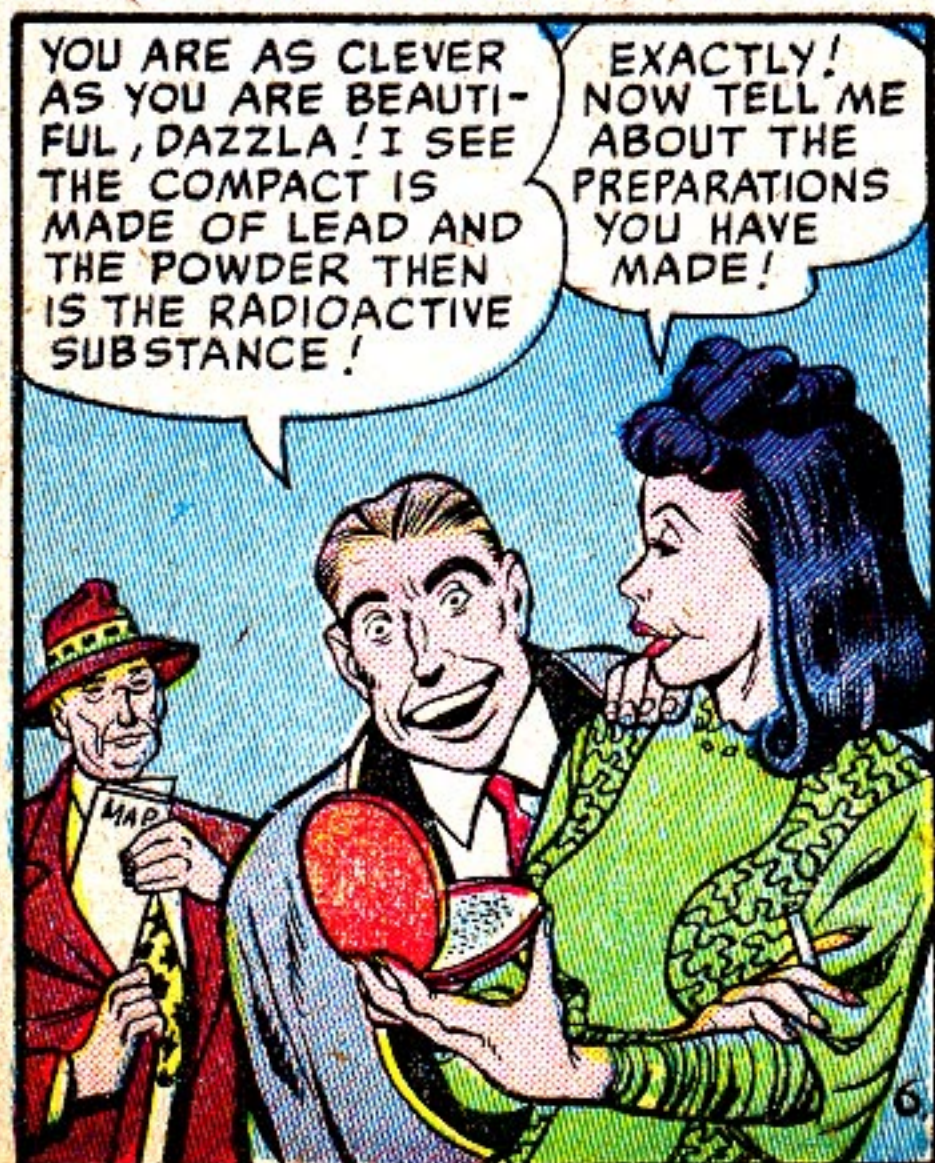
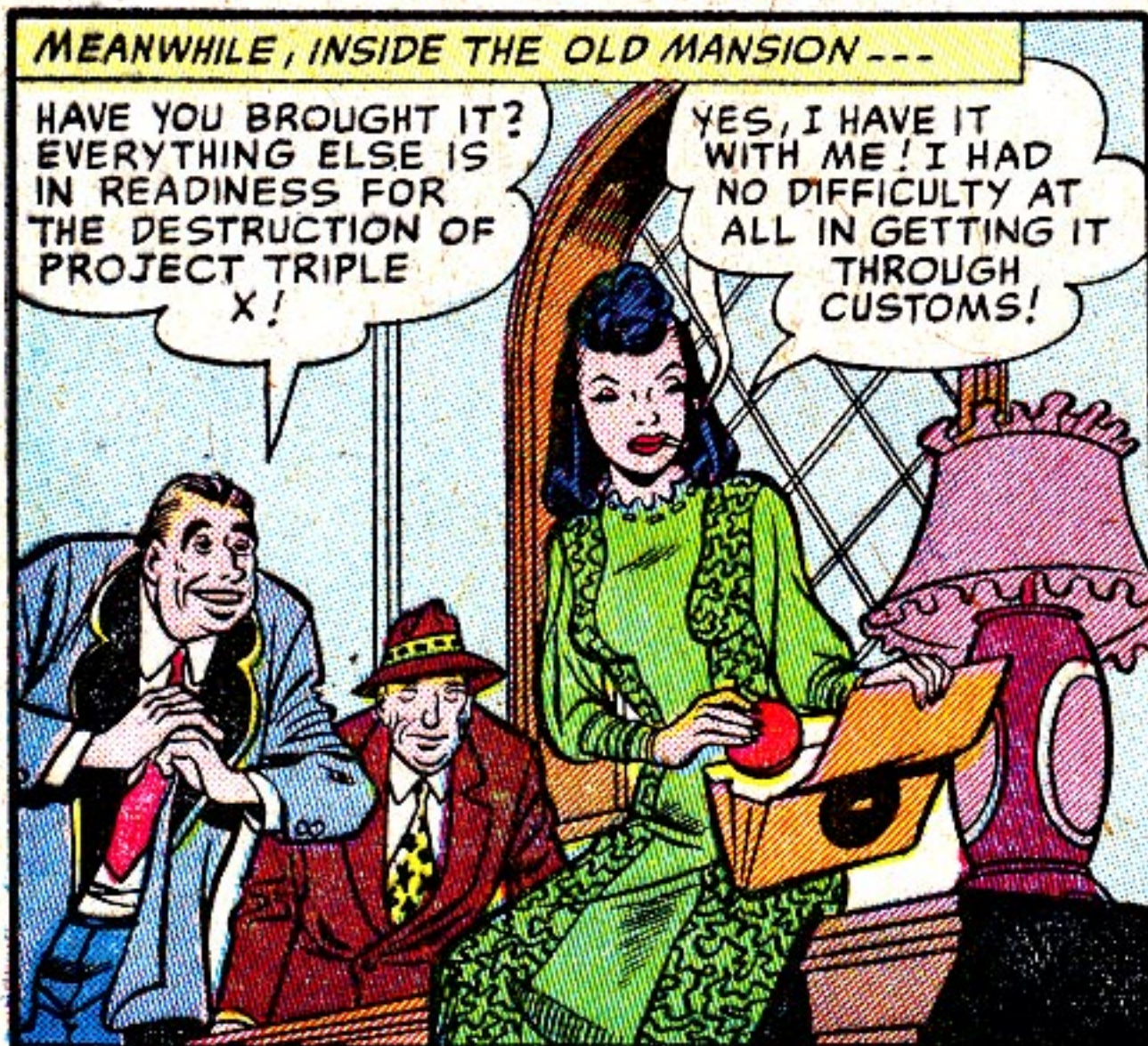
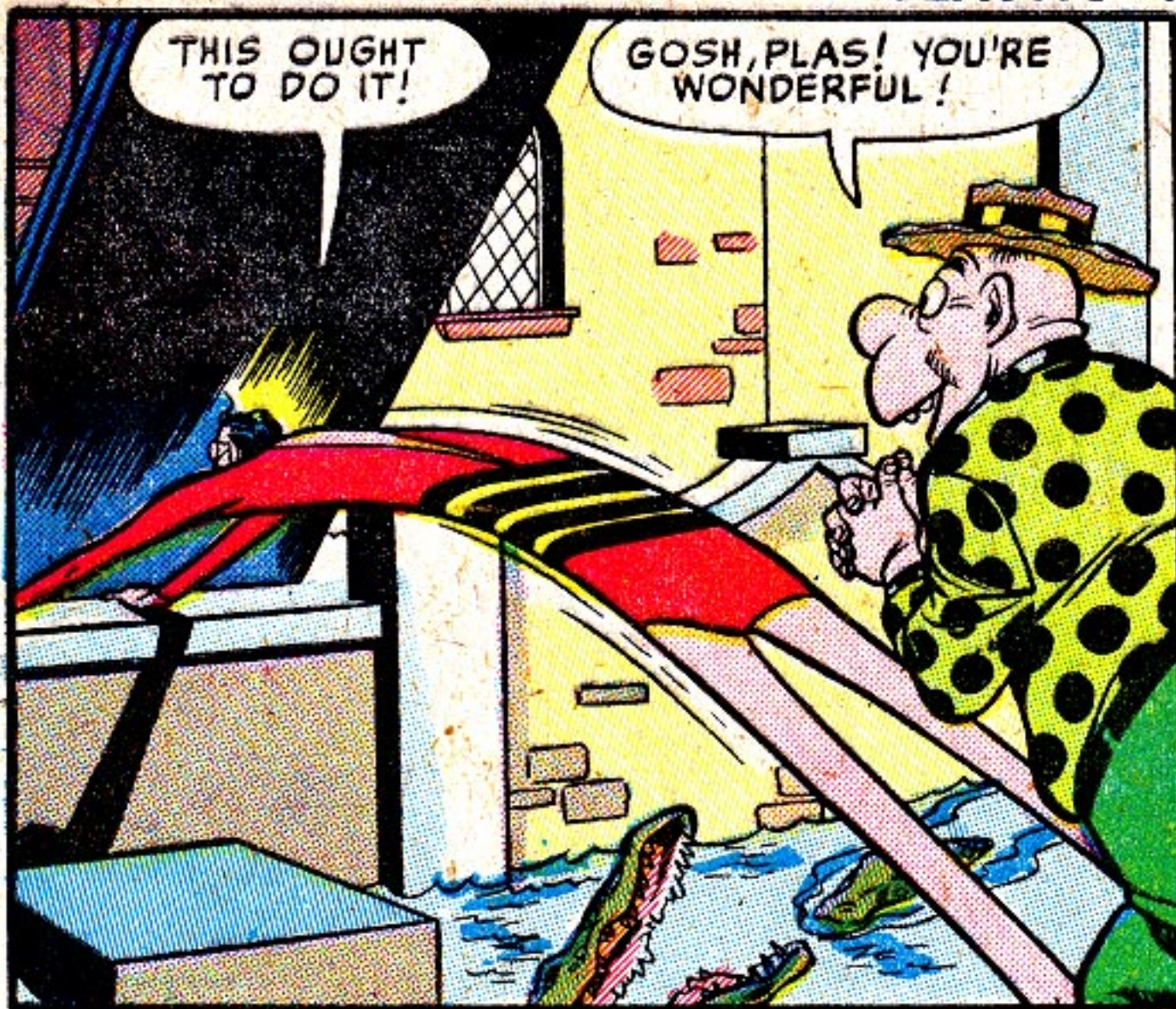
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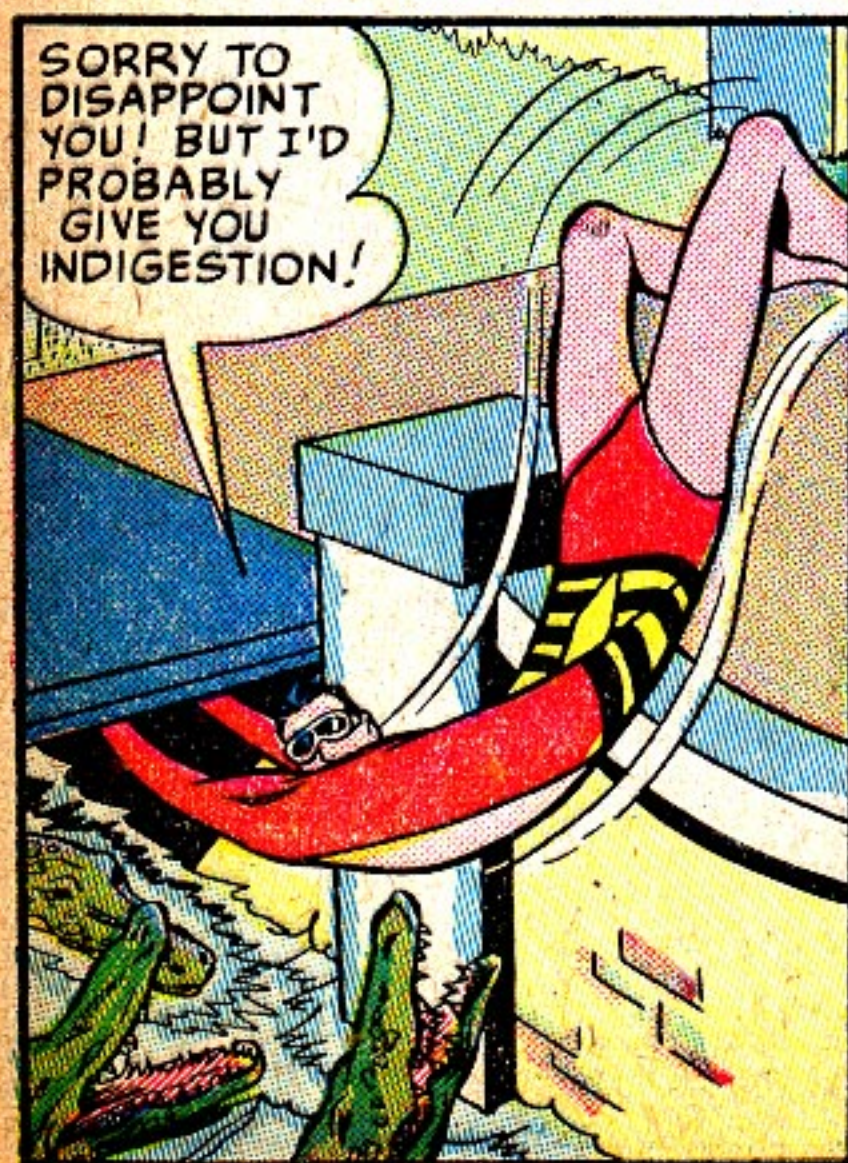
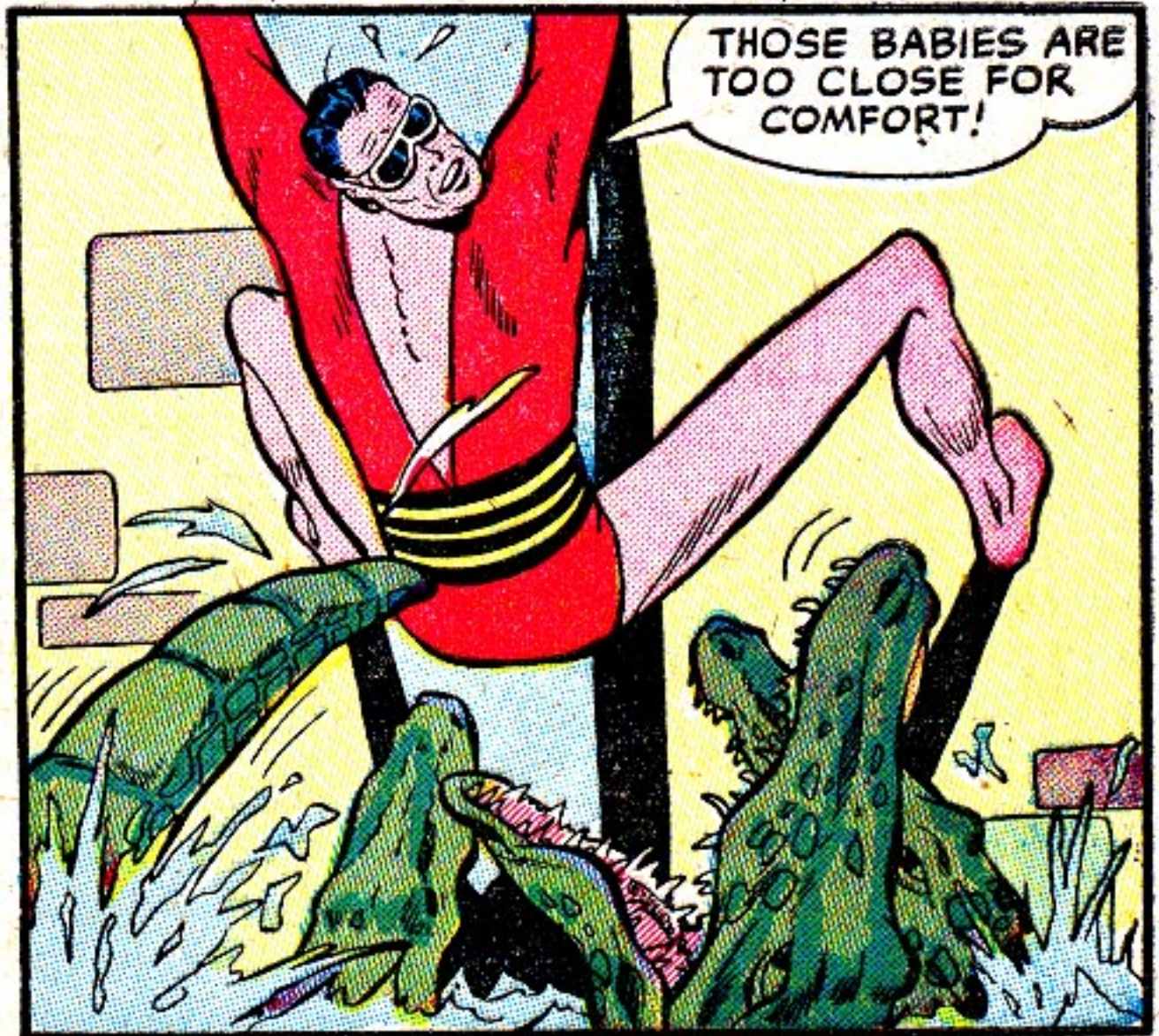
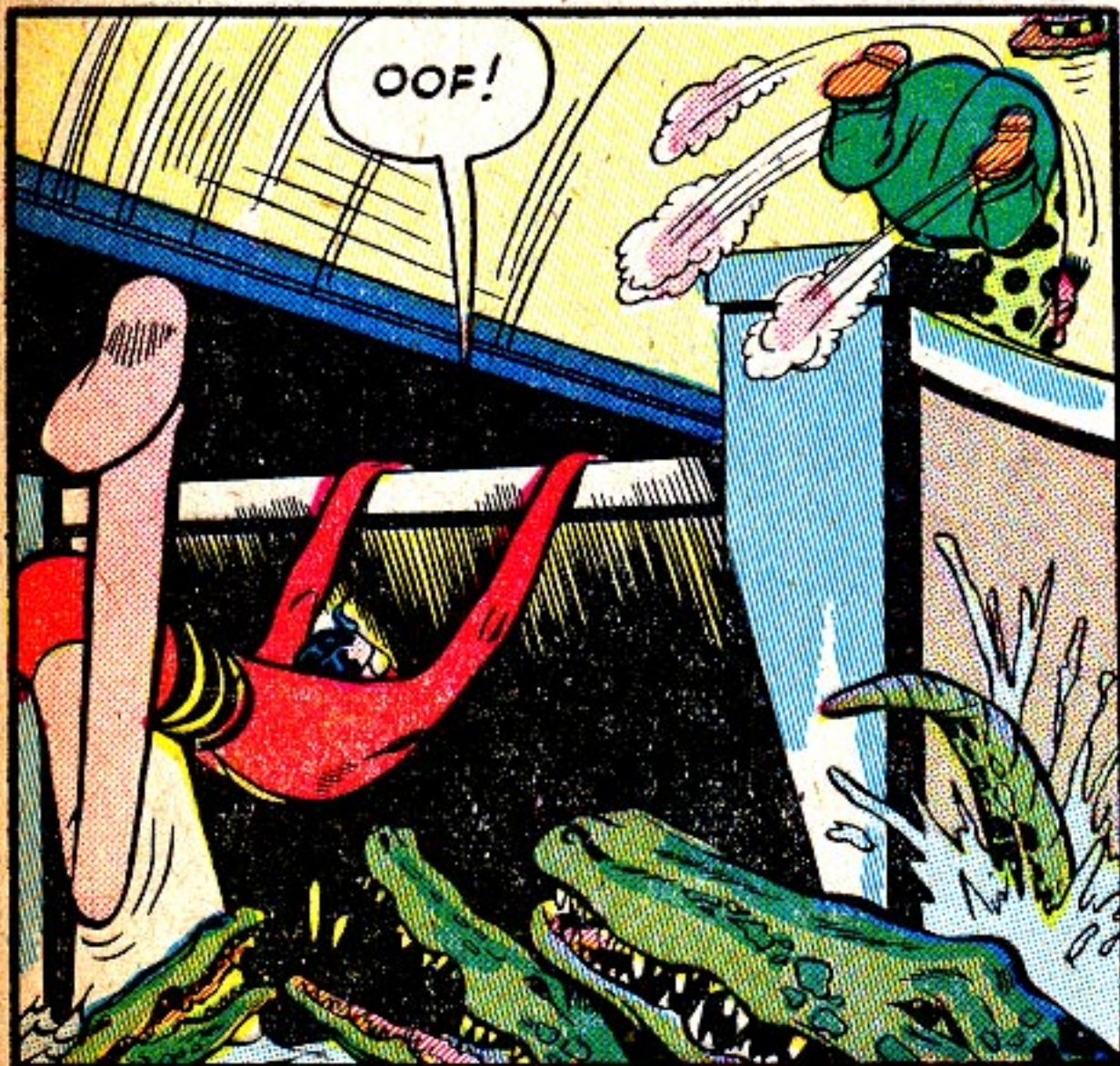
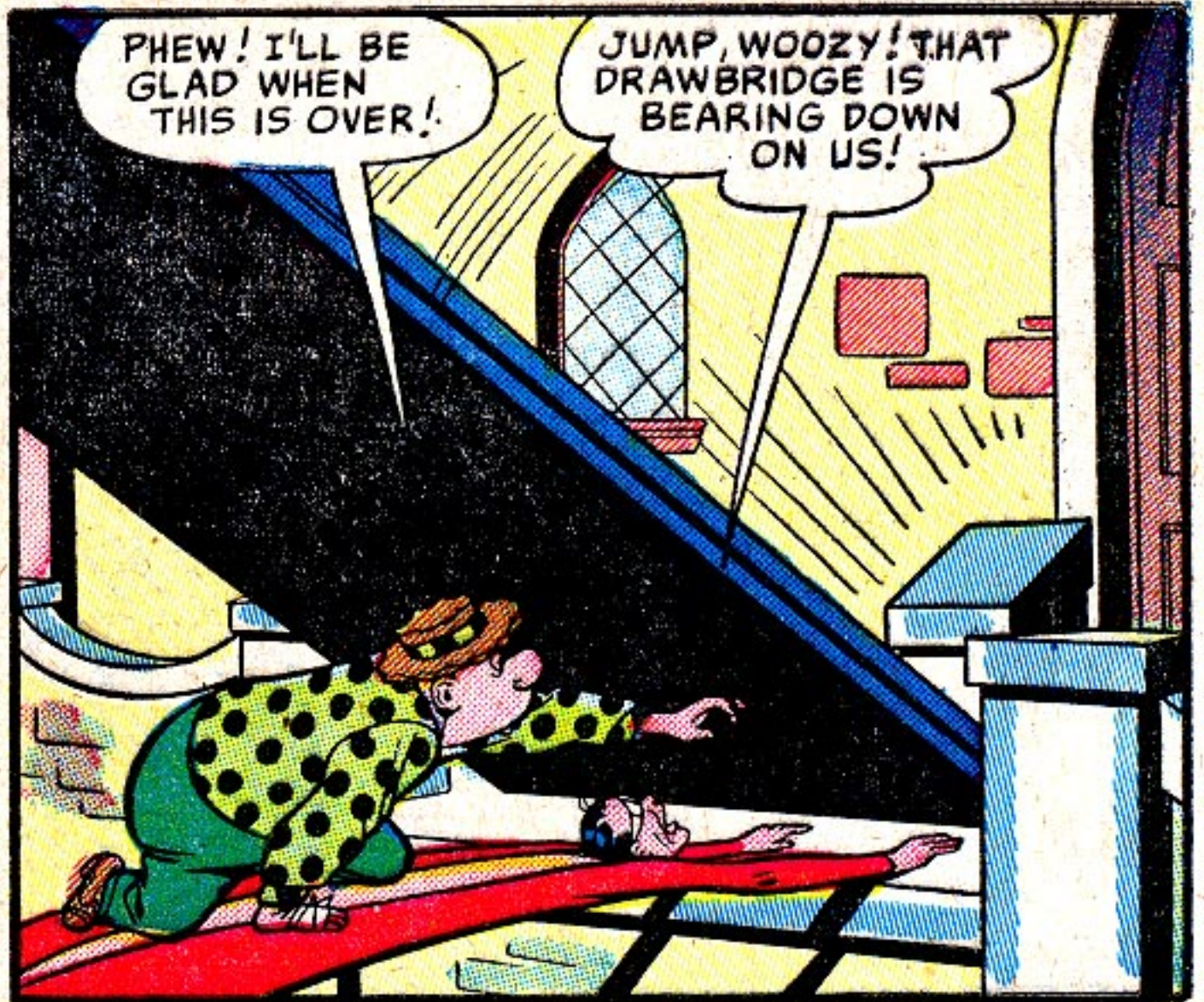
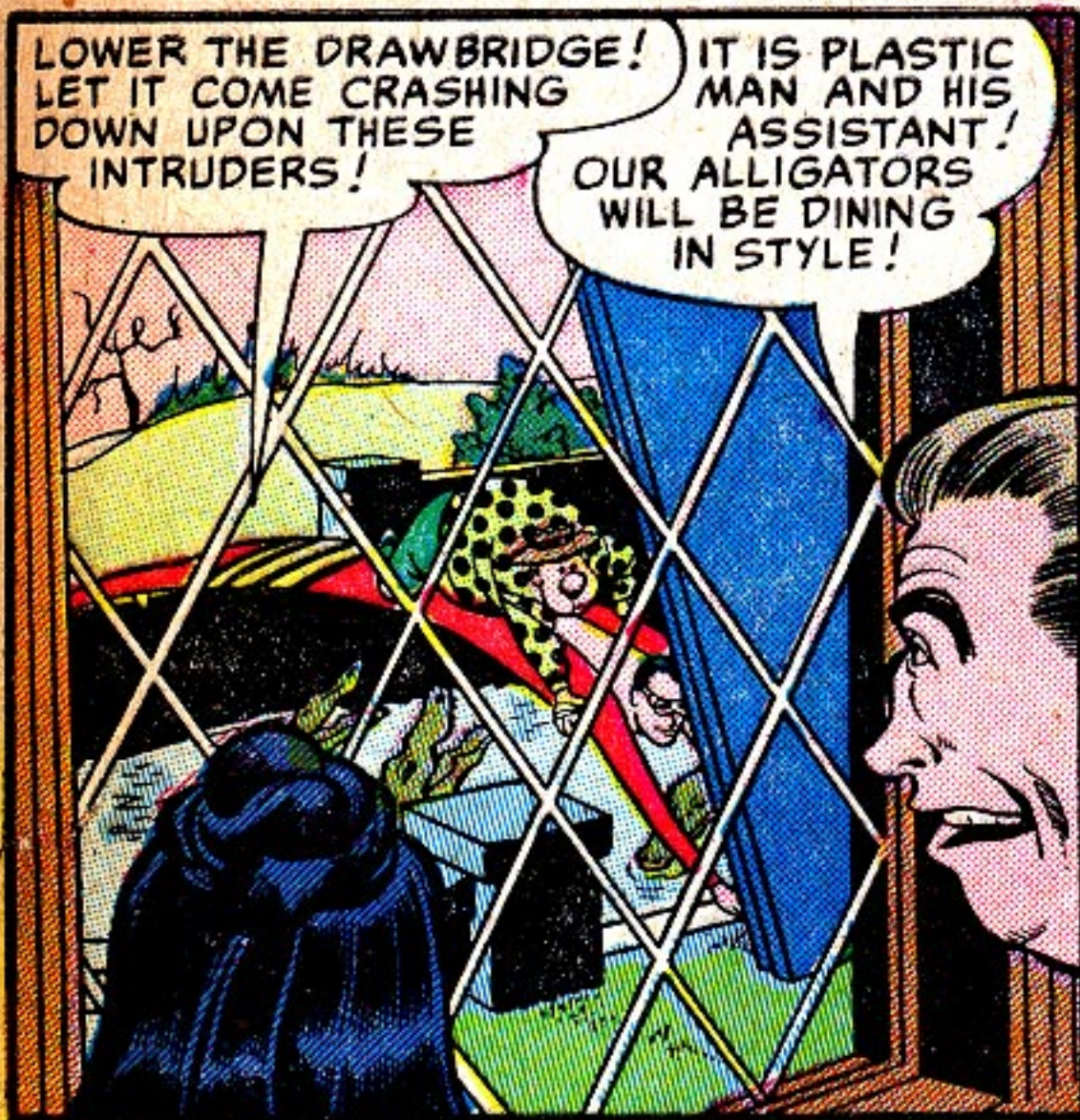
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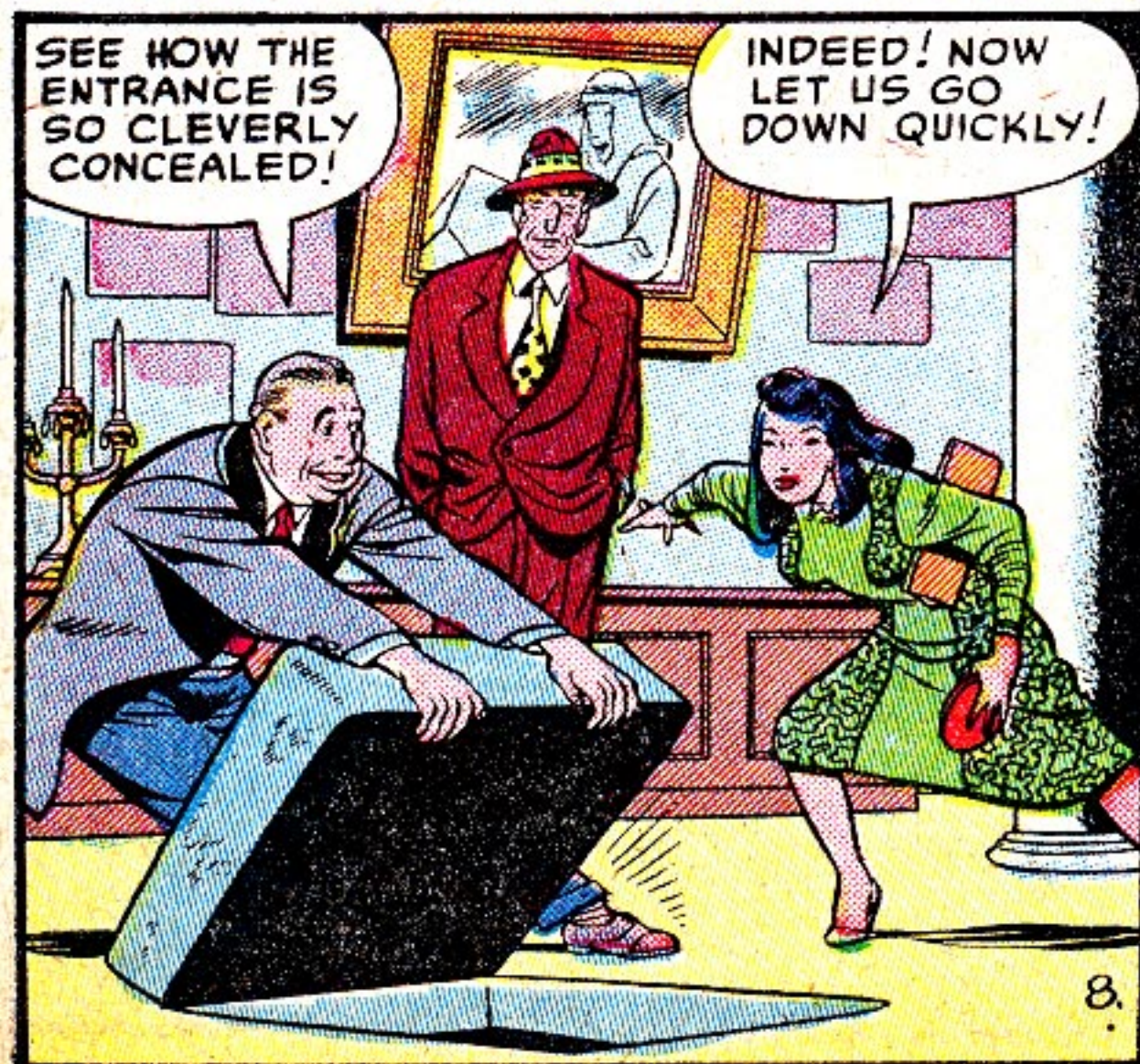
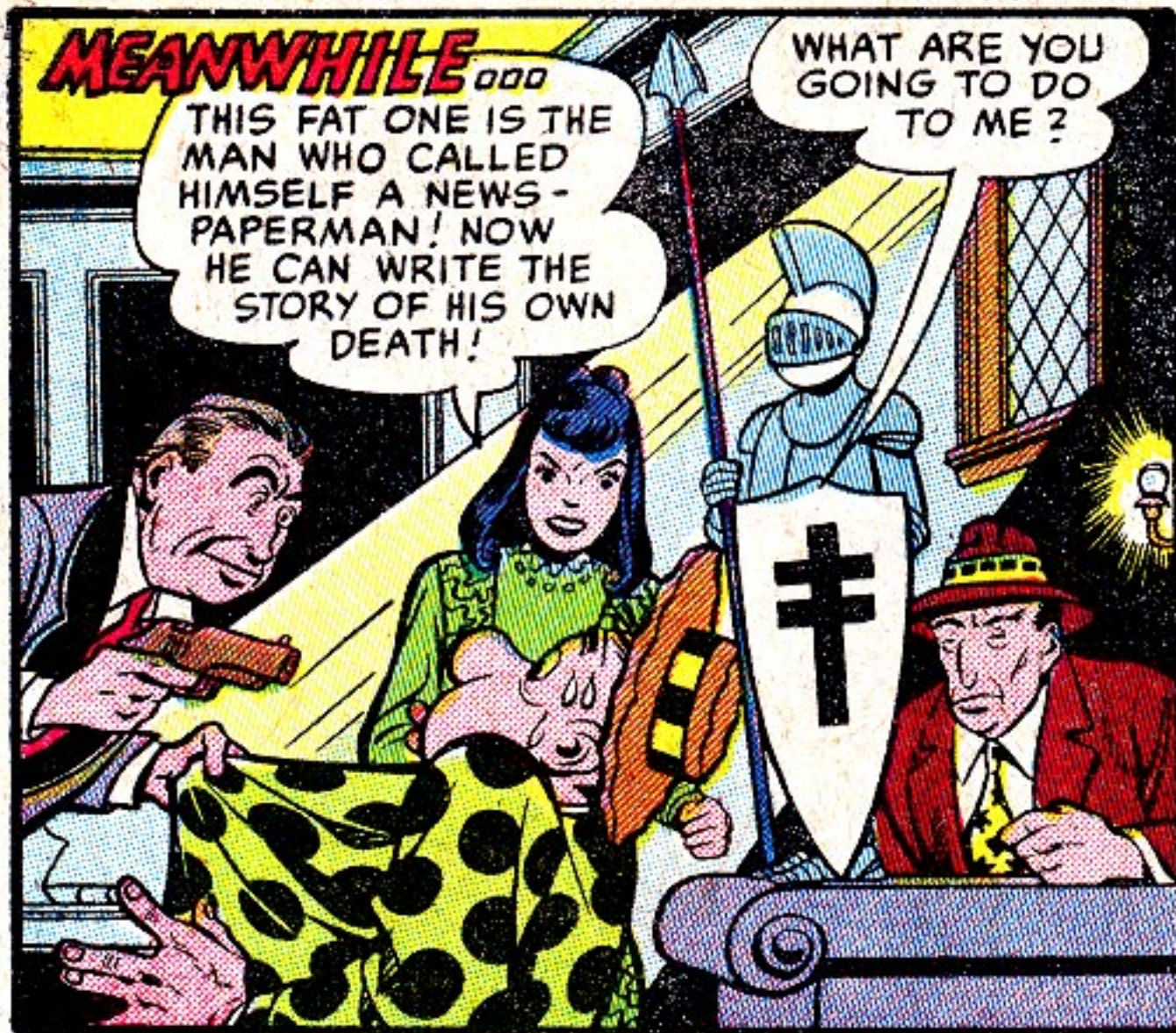


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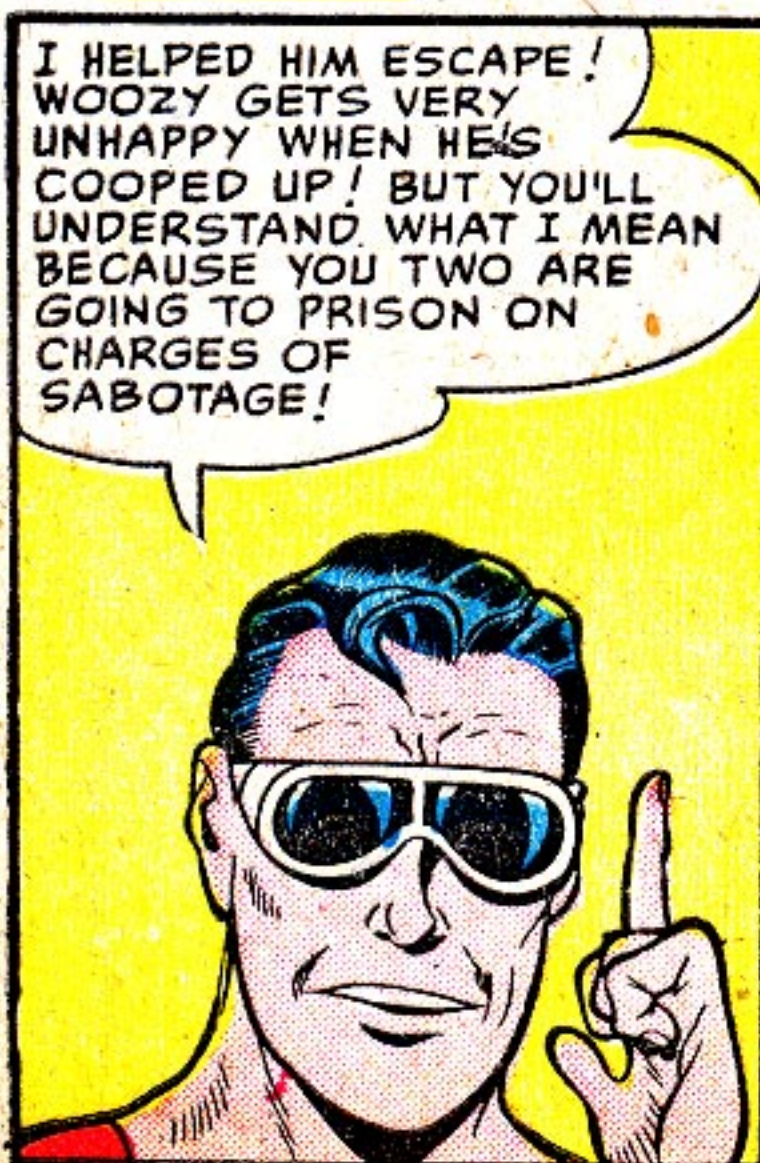
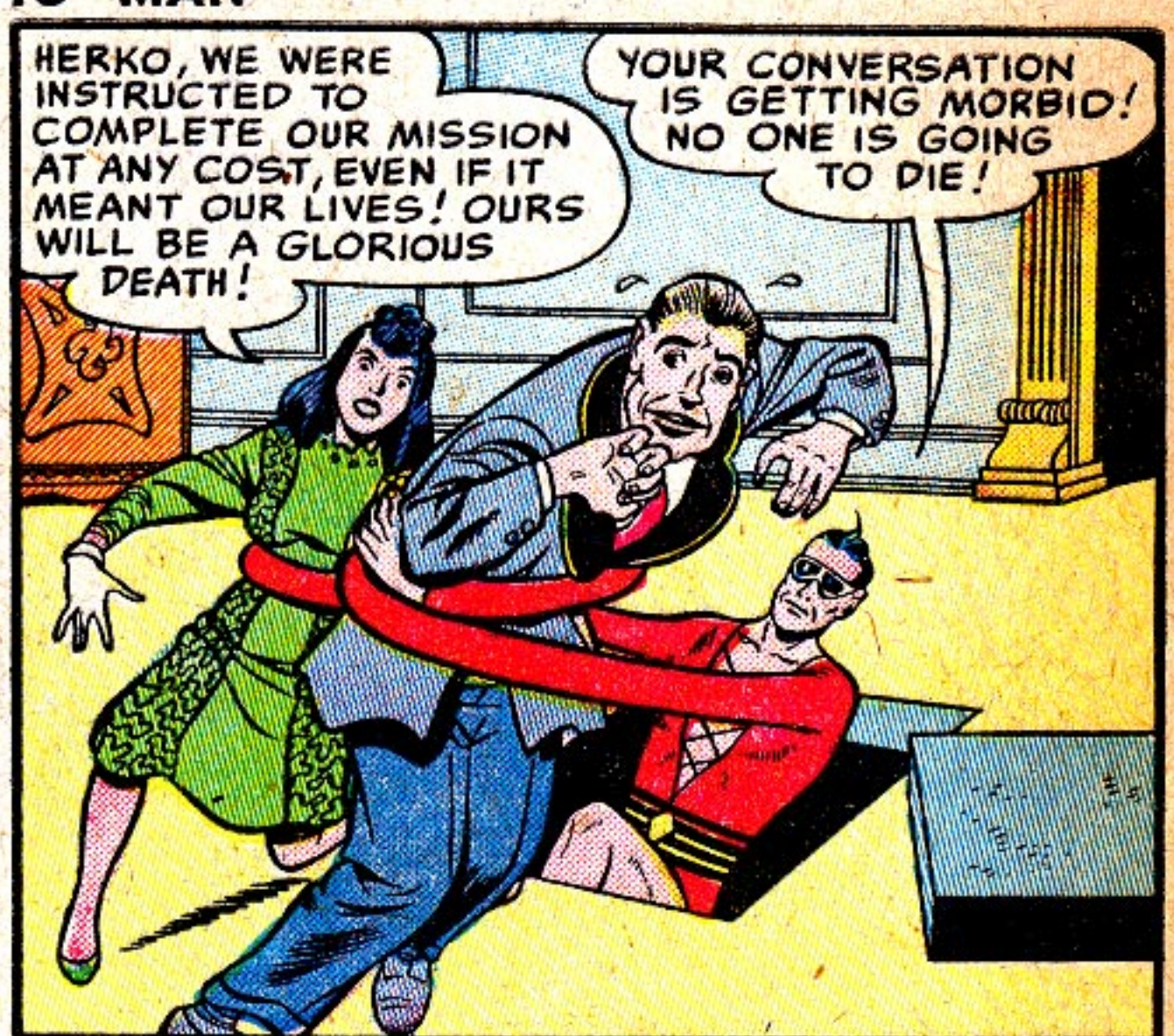
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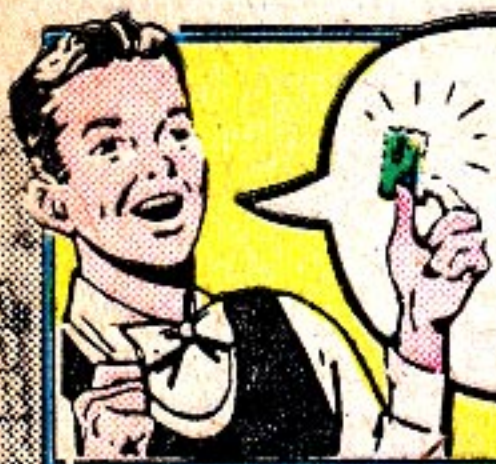
AFTER WE HAVE SCATTERED THIS SUBSTANCE, WE MUST LEAVE THE MOUNTAIN! WE WILL HAVE JUST ENOUGH TIME TO ESCAPE BEFORE THE EXPLOSION OCCURS!

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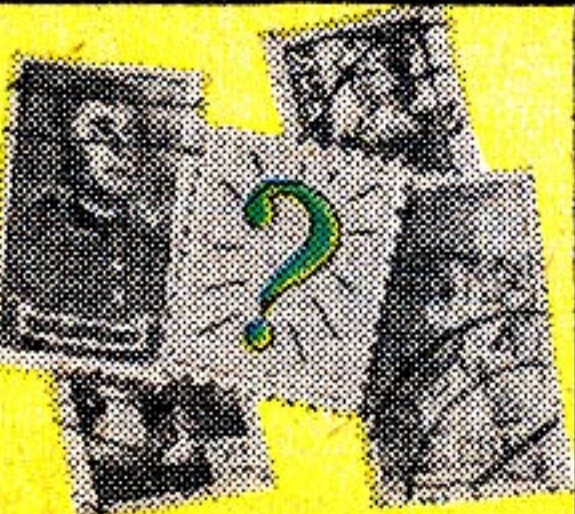
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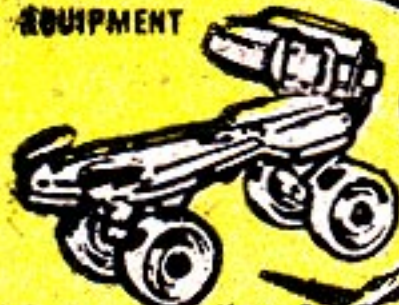
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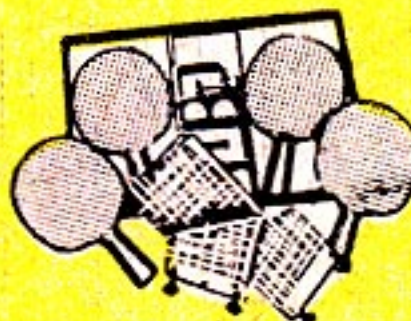


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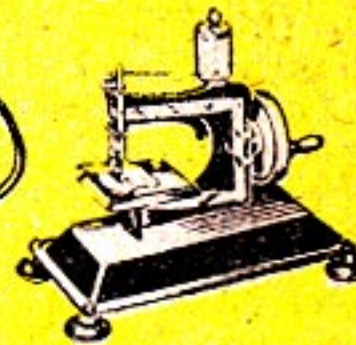
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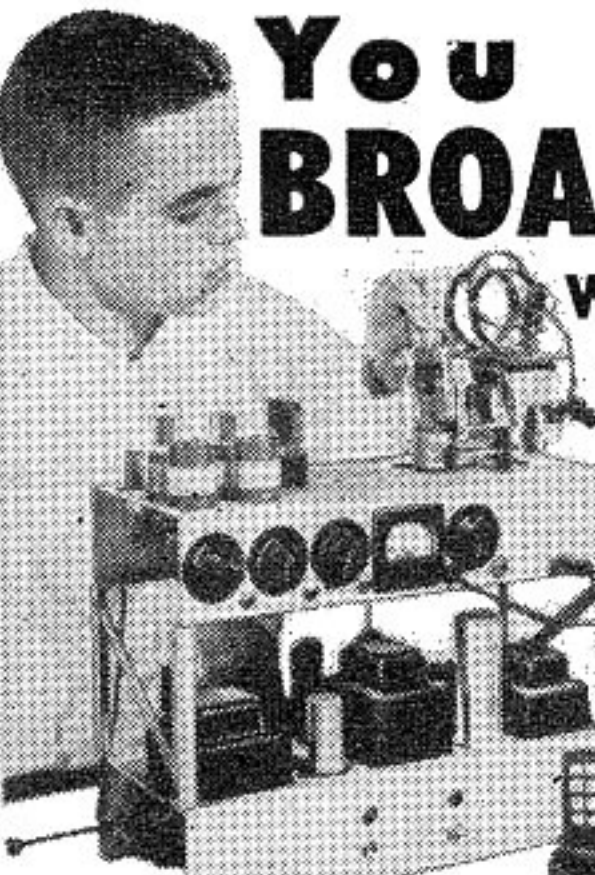
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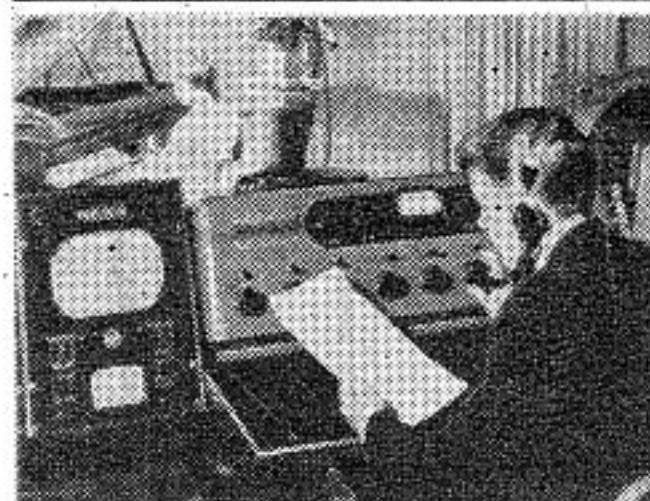
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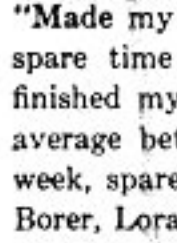
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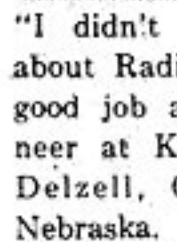
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